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Katalinic (left) and Surjak, two of the stars of Hajduk Split, which is likely to tour next year.

GREEK TOUR NEXT YEAR?

The Greek national team may tour Australia next year.

Negotiations for the tour, in June or July, are under way between the Victorian Soccer Federation and the Greek Federation.

A tour by Greece, which has been eliminated from the 1978 World Cup, would break gate-taking and attendance records throughout Australia.

Stars of the Greek national team include goal king **Antoniades**, midfield general **Koudas** and evergreen **Papaiouannou.**

Greece's line-up in its 0-2 World Cup loss to Hungary in Budapest recently was: **Constantinou — Kriastas (Elefterakis), Nicolau, Firos, Josifiois — Terzanides, Koudas, Anastiades — Papaiouannou, Ardizoglou, Antoniades.**

Negotiations are also under way for a tour by Yugoslav club Hajduk Split next June.

Hajduk vice-president **Colnago Ferante** and secretary **Ante Zaja** were in Melbourne last week for talks with VSF officials.

Hajduk's tour would take in most capital cities.

Another Yugoslav club, Dinamo Zagreb, has been asked by the VSF to visit Australia in January-February.

Dimitri Papaiouannou, a star of the Greek

We're a day late

This issue of "Soccer Action" appears on Thursday instead of Wednesday because of the Melbourne Cup Day holiday.

Next week's issue will be the last for 1977. Make sure you don't miss it!

J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic, in his playing days, looks on in anguish as Croatia scores against his team. No. 10 is the great Jimmy Mackay.

Iranians closer to their 1.8 mil.

Each of Iran's players moved a step closer to a $90,000 windfall by beating Kuwait 1-0 in their World Cup qualifying game in Teheren last week.

The players have been promised a total bonus pay-out of about $1.8 million if they qualify for the World Cup finals.

After their win over Kuwait, the Iranians are still undefeated and have not conceded a goal.

However, leadership of the qualifying group is held temporarily by Australia which beat Hong Kong 5-2 in Hong Kong on Sunday.

Australia and Iran have seven points each. Australia has a better goal difference but Iran has played two games less than Australia.

Kuwait still has a chance of qualifying ahead of Iran if it beats Iran at home on December 3 and if Iran drops points to either South Korea or Australia.

Australian coach **Jim Shoulder** maintains that his team still has a chance as well.

The next match in the group is between Kuwait and South Korea in Kuwait on Saturday.

Standings in the World Cup Asian qualifying group;

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Australia	6	3	1	2	11	6	7
Iran	4	3	1	0	4	0	7
South Korea	5	2	2	1	3	2	6
Kuwait	4	2	0	2	5	4	4
Hong Kong	5	0	0	5	3	14	0

Remaining matches:
Nov. 5, Kuwait v. South Korea
Nov. 11, Iran v. South Korea.
Nov. 12, Kuwait v. Hong Kong
Nov. 18, Iran v. Hong Kong
Nov. 19, Kuwait v. Australia
Nov. 25, Iran v. Australia
Dec. 3, Kuwait v. Iran
Dec. 4, South Korea v. Hong Kong.

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Many players 'near alcoholics'

The other side of the glory game

By JIM ADAM

● Jim Adam played in England for Luton Town, Aston Villa and Stoke City, in Scotland for Falkirk and in Melbourne for South Melbourne Hellas. He played for Australia against Everton in 1964. In 1967 he was assistant to national coach Joe Vengles and also Victorian State coach. In 1968 he coached Second Division team Oxford Town in England, and in 1976 he was with Hamilton Academicals in Scotland. The Victorian State League clubs he has coached are Croatia, Hakoah, Melbourne and most recently, Makedonia. He was coach of Fitzroy Alexander from late last year until he quit after seven national league matches.

I have just been through hell and I want to share my experience with you. I have been cursed, threatened, spat at, abused, you name it and I've had it done to me this season.

The first five months of this year I spent with a national league club before resigning, but over the past four months I have had the opportunity to observe the difficulties that Victoria State League clubs experience — the behaviour of players and the poor standard of play throughout the league.

To all State League coaches may I offer my congratulations and a commendation for a medal for bravery in undertaking the enormous task of trying to bring some purpose to hostile young men who are paid for behaving like deprived delinquents who go through the motions in training looking like soccer players . . . until they meet some opposition!

Theoretically a good coach can be a winner at any level of soccer, but what no one tells you until you're on the job, is about the uncooperative, unresponsive players, who dominate many of the State League teams.

The foul language in communicating with one another has to be heard to be believed.

They are racialistic, mean and hostile towards any semblance of discipline or acceptable behavior.

Many are near alcoholics and don't take kindly to advice about restraint in their consumption of booze before a game.

Some influential, conniving, lazy players make deals with certain members of the press for an ego boost in print in exchange for some damaging news, or to help bring about internal club sabotage, usually against the coach whose only crime could be his credibility and unusual competence, which makes him incorruptible and not to be trusted . . . to allow them to continue doing things their way!

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Cedo to stay put

Footscray JUST coach Cedo Cirkovic demonstrated genuine club loyalty this week when he turned down a $15,000-a-year offer to take over Fitzroy-Alexander.

"My heart is with J.U.S.T.," said Cirkovic. "It was a very difficult decision to make because of the big money involved, but there are times when money isn't everything."

Cirkovic said he had had a long talk with his club president, Tony Kovac, who told him all at J.U.S.T. would be extremely disappointed to see Cirkovic leave.

"J.U.S.T. has always been very good to me and the boys who have come into the team since I've been coach are like sons to me," Cirkovic said.

He was referring to young players like Zoran Ilioski, Mendo Ristovski, John Nicolaides and Joe Palinkas.

"With our good young players and one or two who are coming from Yugoslavia, J.U.S.T. will have a very good season in 1978," Cirkovic said.

Mr. Kovac said: "We are very proud to have a man who can turn down such a big offer because of his love for the poeple of J.U.S.T.

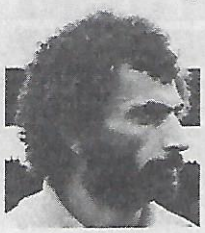
"We may not be able to pay him as much as Alexander offered him but the time will come. What is more important, he has a solid, fully secure position at J.U.S.T.

"It's certainly a position with more future than the one at Alexander, which has a large turnover of players and coaches."

Cirkovic, 40, has been sought by Alexander as the replacement for John Margaritis who has joined West Adelaide Hellas on a salary reputed to be between $15,000 and $20,000 a year.

Alexander had contracts already prepared, and hoped that Cirkovic

100,000 CHEER IRAN



Ghafour Johani

TEHERAN. — A goal two minutes after half time gave Iran an important 1-0 home victory over Kuwait in their Asian qualifying match in the Aryamehr Stadium west of here.

Ghafour Johani seized on a rare Kuwait defensive error in the 47th minute to blast the ball home from close range.

There was a shock for Iran's fans at the beginning of the match when star forward **Hassan Rowshan** failed to appear.

He had been declared fit, but coach **Heshmat Mohajerani** decided at the last minute not to risk Rowshan's suspect knee.

A capacity crowd of 100,000 roared Iran forward but Kuwait, coached by Brazilian **Mario Zagalo,** packed its defence in an obvious effort to snatch a draw.

Khadhr Taraboulsi, Kuwait's goalkeeper, was in excellent form, but could do nothing to prevent **Johani** scoring, following a shot by **Mohammed Reza Adelkhani.**

Adelkhani's shot hit a defender and Johani snapped up the rebound.

Kuwait relied on long-range shooting for its attacking efforts, causing Iran's goalkeeper **Nasser Hejazi** little trouble.

Iran is undefeated after four of its eight qualifying games, with three victories and one draw.

Kuwait, which had previously lost to South Korea, has suffered two defeats in four games.

AUSTRIA, POLAND REACH FINALS

IZMIR, TURKEY — Austria won a place in the World Cup finals when it beat Turkey 1-0 in their Group Three qualifying match here.

Halftime: 0-0.

Scorer: Prohaska (72nd minute).

Attendance: 80,000.

East Germany beat Malta 9-0 in a European Group Three qualifying match in East Germany.

Halftime: 3-0.

Scorers: Hoffman (3), Streich (3), Weber (2), Sparwasser.

Attendance: 15,000.

European Group Three standings —

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Austria	6	4	2	0	14	2	10
E. Germ	5	2	3	0	13	3	7
Turkey	4	1	1	2	5	3	3
Malta	5	0	0	5	0	24	0

CHORZOW — Poland won a place in the World Cup finals when it drew 1-1 with Portugal in a European Group One qualifying match here.

Half-time: 1-0.

Scorers: Poland — Deyna. Portugal — Manuel Fernandes.

Attendance: 80,000.

Ten countries have so far qualified for the World Cup finals. They are —

West Germany (Cup holder), Argentina (Host nation), Brazil, Peru, Mexico, Scotland, Holland, Poland, Sweden, Austria.

The other six likely qualifiers are — Italy, France, Rumania, Iran, Tunisia, Hungary.

European Group One standings —

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Poland	6	5	1	0	17	4	11
Portugal	4	2	1	1	4	4	5
Denmark	5	2	0	3	12	8	4
Cyprus	5	0	0	5	3	20	0

BERNE. — Switzerland beat Norway 1-0 in a European Group Six qualifying match here.

The result meant that Sweden, the other team in the group, qualified for the final series in Argentina.

The Swiss led 1-0 at half-time through a goal by **Claudio Sulser** in the 28th minute.

Attendance: 11,000.

European Group Six Standings —

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sweden	4	3	0	1	7	4	6
Norway	4	2	0	2	3	4	4
Switzerland	4	1	0	3	3	5	2

AMSTERDAM. — Holland qualified for the World Cup finals when a fourth minute goal by Rene Van De Kerkhof gave the Dutch a 1-0 win over Belgium.

The match completed Holland's European group four fixtures and with 11 points, they are in an unassailable position. Belgium play Northern Ireland in the final group game next month but with only six points they cannot make up the leeway.

Group Four standings:

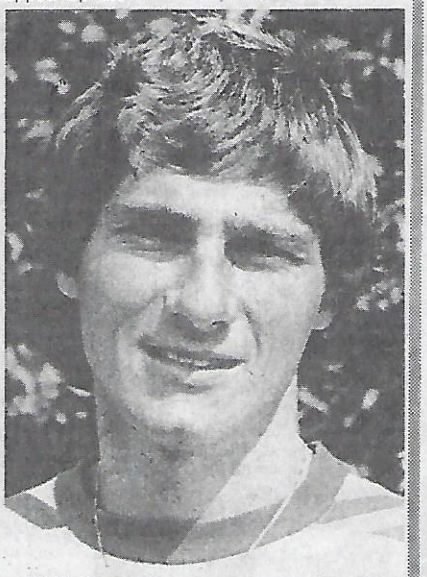
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Holland	6	5	1	0	11	3	11
Belgium	5	3	0	2	7	3	6
Nth. Ireland	5	1	1	3	4	6	3
Iceland	6	1	0	5	2	12	2

BUDAPEST. — Hungary beat Bolivia 6-0 (half-time 5-0) in their qualifying first leg match here.

Scorers: Nyilasi, Torocsik, Zombori, Varadi, Pinter, Nagy.

Attendance: 70,000.

The return leg in La Paz is on November 30.



Midfield star Kurt Jara — helped Austria get to the World Cup finals.

Israel leaves Asia, may join Europe

ZURICH. — Israel has left the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) to ease the tension caused by its membership, International Football Federation (FIFA) general secretary Dr Helmut Kaiser said here.

Dr Kaiser said the Israeli Football Federation remained an individual member of FIFA and was therefore eligible to enter all international competitions, such as the World Cup.

The Israelis were now looking into the possibility of joining the European Football Union (UEFA), he added.

In Berne, a UEFA spokesman said the Israelis had made no new application to join. They did so three years ago and were rejected by an UEFA congress in Edinburgh, because the Union's statutes restrict membership to "European national associations."

The Asian Football Confederation expelled Israel last year after several countries had refused to play against Israel, but FIFA did not recognise the decision and called on the AFC to reverse it.

Dr Kaiser said FIFA was still calling on the AFC to reinstate Israel or face sanctions. The Asian confederation had until January 13 next year to do so — the date of FIFA's next executive committee meeting, to be held in Argentina, he added.

FIFA officials have said the sanctions could include barring Asian national teams from the World Cup.

Dr Kaiser said there was no question, as had previously been rumoured, of Israel joining the Oceania Football Confederation.

"If you look at the distances involved, you see that this would be economically impossible," he said.

No-talent England

LONDON. — England will not be a force in international soccer again until it finds players of talent and intelligence, Italy's team manager, Enzo Bearzot, said in London just three weeks before the two countries meet at Wembley in their World Cup qualifying match.

Bearzot, who has steered Italy to the finals at the expense of England, said that he had always been an admirer of English football, especially its strength, tenacity and moral fibre.

He added: "They are the strength of your football, but it also needs talent and intelligence, fantasy and imagination are also missing and these qualities cannot be taught. Players are born with them."

Bearzot stressed that patience was needed if the England team was to be rebuilt successfully. "I had to wait two years for some of my players to show the form at international level they had produced with their clubs. International football is all about personality and personality comes with time," he

Sweden to pull out?

STOCKHOLM. — Sweden, which qualified for the World Cup last week, will not decide until next month whether to send a team to the 1978 championships in military ruled Argentina.

Switzerland beat Norway 1-0 to clinch Sweden's victory in their European qualifying group, but several political groups have suggested Sweden should boycott the

Only two days to train team

Hong Kong's World Cup team had only two days together in training camp before the qualifying match against Australia.

The players had to attend training sessions with their club teams in the Hong Kong professional league immediately before their daily training with the world cup team.

And 16 of the Hong Kong squad members were involved in club games during the week, up to three days before the World Cup encounter.

"It's an impossible situation," coach **Frans van Balkom** said. "Perhaps this could be our whole problem."

Van Balkom said: "My players are exhausted when they arrive for national team training, as they have already spent two hours with their club teams.

"On top of that, eight of my squad played in club matches on Monday, three on Tuesday and five on Wednesday."

The players went into training camp on Friday giving them only two whole days together before meeting AUstralia.

"It has been the same for all of our World Cup matches," van Balkom said.

"You've got to make allowances for the operations of the professional league here," van Balkom said, "but it's an impossible situation for the national team."

The Hong Kong coach tips Iran to win the ticket to the Argentina finals.

Ollerton, Abonyi, Kosmina 6 goals

	Games	Goals
Abonyi	28	6
Wilson	24	1
Rooney	20	3
Baartz	20	5
Schaefer	20	
Alston	18	4
Richards	14	2
Uljesanovic	14	1
Mackay	13	3
Warren	13	1
Corry	13	
Watkiss	12	2
Boljevic	11	2
Ollerton	11	6
Curran	11	
Vojtek	10	
Kosmina	10	6
Bennett	10	
Williams	9	
Harris	9	
Ackerley	9	
Keith	9	
Marnoch	8	
Byrne	7	
Fraser	7	
McCall	6	4
Rutherford	6	1
Hogg	6	
Harding	6	
Maher	6	
Campbell	5	2
Tolson	5	
J. Nyskohus	5	
Barnes	4	1
Walsh	4	
Clarke	4	
Stone	3	
Moritz	3	
Reilly	3	
Perin	3	
Zemen	3	
Scheinflug	2	2
Marocchi	2	
Shepherd	2	
Hughes	2	
Rice	2	
J. Anderson	2	

All appearances and goals in World Cup matches:

HALF THE TEAM GETS SACK

Hong Kong coach Frans van Balkom threatened to sack more than half of his players if the colony team did not perform well against Australia.

Hong Kong had lost all its previous four matches in the Asian qualifying group.

"If it is a poor effort against Australia, I will leave the older players out of our remaining games and concentrate on using a youth team to build some experience for the future," van Balkom said before Sunday's game.

"I would have nothing to lose by doing that. I have told the players of my plans and they know what is required of them."

He said the match against the Socceroos would decide for him whether to send a youth team to the Middle East for Hong Kong's qualifying matches against Kuwait on Nobember 12 and Iran on November 18.

Wilson's 61 caps

Caps held by the Australian players, plus their goals in all games, not just full internationals —

	Caps	Goals
Wilson	61	2
Abonyi	58	34
Rooney	44	6
Alston	39	13
Ollerton	29	20
Bennett	26	1
Harris	25	
Byrne	21	
Harding	20	11
Kosmina	18	12
Williams	18	1
Curran	18	
Barnes	16	6
Reilly	15	
Nyskohus	13	4
Maher	11	
Marocchi	7	
Tansey	6	
Stone	5	
Sharne	1	

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From AAP man DOUG CONWAY, who was travelling with the Socceroos

Ollerton gets praise from both coaches

Big Peter Ollerton — scored the first three goals in Australia's 5-2 win over Hong Kong.

"I've always been a great believer in Peter Ollerton," Jim Shoulder said after the game against Hong Kong. "I was very pleased for him. He does an awful lot of work and he has consistently been the one to get on the end of chances.

"Some times he has been guilty of bad finishing, but often he has been guilty of cross bad luck;" Shoulder added, after Ollerton had scored a hat-trick in Australia's 5-2 win.

"He's been dogged by goalkeepers' knees and elbows and sundry defenders clearing his shots off the line but at last three went in for him. He's been threatening to do that for a long time."

Hong Kong coach **Frans van Balcom** claimed Ollerton punched a Hong Kong player to the ground in the second half.

"Bloody Ollerton hit that player," he said. "He punched him in the face and a ring on his finger cut his eye. He had to go to hospital for stitches."

But the Hong Kong coach also had some praise for the "Big O."

"Ollerton has improved 100 percent since I last saw him. But I must say our centre half was playing like a schoolboy against him.

"He gave him too much freedom. Ollerton had all the room in the world and he could pick his spot."

Van Balkom also complained that Australia's second half penalty, which **Atti Abonyi** neatly converted to make it 4-0, should never have been awarded.

"The infringement was the other way round. It was Kosmina who interfered with our goalkeeper. He jumped into him after he had the ball.

"The goalkeeper was scared so he put his knee up, but he never hit Kosmina. If the penalty was not awarded it might have been a close game."

The Hong Kong coach, who made five changes from the line-up beaten 3-0 by Australia in Adelaide in July, said the Socceroos still had a chance of getting to Argentina provided they win their remaining two games against Kuwait and Iran, on November 19 and 25.

Australia must not only beat Iran but also rely on other teams taking at least two points off the Iranians. But South Korea, with six points from five games, and Kuwait with four from four, are not out of contention either.

Shoulder said: "We've never been out of it. We're still on the World Cup trail until mathematically we can't go any further."

He said there were no weaknesses in the Australian team against Hong Kong. "We put an awful lot into the first half and this took its toll a little bit.

"The fact that Hong Kong got two goals back in the second half can be attributed to our weariness and the fact that they had nothing to lose by leaving players in attack.

"Also, when you push forward all the time you've got to expect to leave one or two gaps in the back. We could have won 2-0 and people would have been satisfied, but we won 5-2 and any team that can score five goals in a World Cup match is not a bad side."

Sir Arthur upsets 'Roos

The Socceroos were stunned before their match against Hong Kong to read that Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George had said they were not good enough to reach the Argentine final series.

The **South China Morning Post** quoted an article in the **Sydney Morning Herald** last Thursday in which Sir Arthur was reported as saying: "The players are the problem. They either have got the skills or they haven't. It would not matter who was coaching the present Australian team — the plain fact is they aren't good enough.

"I don't think we will go to Argentina."

Coach **Jim Shoulder** and his players were unaware of Sir Arthur's reported statement until they read the **Morning Post** only a few hourse before the match against Hong Kong.

Shoulder said "All I would say about it is a terse no comment."

When pressed he said: "I have been taught to be a professional and I don't believe it shows professional ethics to comment about someone in the same organisation."

Asked if this should also apply to Sir Arthur George, Shoulder said: "All I know is that it applies to me."

The Australian players were reluctant to be quoted about Sir Arthur's statement but their comments off-the-record left no doubt that they went out against Hong Kong with their backs up, determined to prove the ASF president wrong.

ALL OVER IN 26 MINUTES

Peter Ollerton's lightning hat trick in the opening 26 minutes paved the way for Australia's 5-2 victory over Hong Kong and heralded the Socceroos long-awaited return to the winner's circle in the World Cup soccer qualifying group.

AUSTRALIA 5: Ollerton 19th, 21st, 26th, Abonyi penalty 59th, Bennett 85th. HONG KONG 2: Tang Hung Cheong 65th, Chung Chor Wai 80th.
Attendance: 6,000.
Australian team: Maher, Curran (Marocchi 75th), Wilson, Bennett, Harris, Byrne, Rooney, Stone, Kosmina (Nyskohus 75th), Ollerton, Abonyi.

The winning margin will provide a big lift in confidence for Australia's remaining two matches in Kuwait on November 19 and Iran on November 25, which they must also win.

For Ollerton, who has come under heavy attack recently for missing his chances in front of goal, it was a day of sweet revenge. The "Big O" banged in his hat-trick in the space of just eight minutes, silencing his critics in the most effective way.

The match was all over by half time. For that matter, it was all over after 26 minutes, and when **Atti Abonyi** coolly converted a controversial penalty early in the second half, a real whitewash was on the cards.

But to its eternal credit, Hong Kong, which now has five straight defeats to its name, pegged two goals back in a second half marked by four bookings.

It was big Australian defender **Col Bennett** who applied the coup de grace in the dying minutes when he headed in a corner to make it 5-2, enlarging on the 3-0 result to Australia when the two teams met in Adelaide in July.

Australia now tops the table in the Asian group for the first time, but only on goal difference from Iran which has two matches in hand.

Australia's first two goals were the result of brilliant lead-up work in midfield, compounded by slack marking in the Hong Kong defence.

In the 18th minute, **Jimmy Rooney** laid the opening goal on a platter when he stabbed a pass to the unmarked Ollerton, who made no mistake from straight in front.

Just three minutes later, young midfielder **Peter Stone** sliced through the Hong Kong defence like a knife through hot butter, beating four men and laying a perfect cross into the path of the charging Ollerton.

The big striker picked his spot and his low, hard drive gave goalkeeper **Ma Pit Hung** no chance in the world.

But the third goal, in the 26th minute, was all Ollerton's own magic.

Gary Byrne's cross from the left was headed out by a defender and Ollerton rocketed back a waist-high volley from 20 metres that had the bewildered **Ma** picking the ball out of the net for the third time.

Australian goalkeeper **Allan Maher**, who had earlier made a brilliant save from Hong Kong striker **Chung Chor Wai**, could not restrain himself and raced to the halfway line to heap his congratulations on Ollerton.

Atti Abonyi's neat footwork was giving Ollerton plenty of support, although **John Kosmina** seemed to be struggling for his usual pace and was replaced by **John Nyskohus** in the second half.

Coach Jim Shoulder also brought Gary Morocchi into midfield for the second term, sending the versatile Stone to right back to replace Col Curran, who was taken off.

In the second half, the Hong Kong players seemed more intent on physical retribution.

Two of them were booked in the opening eight minutes of the half, **Tan Hung Cheong** and **Chung Chor Wai.**

A third player, **Sze Kin Hay**, was booked a minute from the end for a foul on Nyskohus.

Tan Hung Cheong, who was booked for fouling Stone, was felled behind the play shortly afterwards and Hong Kong played with 10 men for a short period while he received treatment on the sideline.

The Hong Kong players claimed Ollerton had punched him. He was taken to hospital after the game for stitches to a cut above the eye.

The penalty awarded to Australia in the 59th minute was a controversial one. The Hong Kong players claimed that Kosmina had charged into their goalkeeper after he had gathered the ball but the Australians, and the Belgian referee **Alexis Ponnet**, said that the goalkeeper had raised his foot and kicked Kosmina.

The resultant spot kick was coolly converted by Abonyi.

Both of the Hong Kong goals, scored in the 65th and 79th minutes, were the result of accurate through balls which goalkeeper **Allan Maher** managed to parry but which fell free to the colony team's forwards.

Maher managed to parry the first thrust with his legs but the ball broke lose to Tang Hung Cheong, who shot past Bennett into an empty goal.

In the second attack **Cheung Ka Ping** was again put through and he beat Australian captain **Peter Wilson** for pace before hitting a shot that Maher again parried.

But again the ball rolled loose to Chung Chor Wai who sent his shot screaming into the roof of the net from six metres.

With only four minutes remaining, the Socceroos wrapped it all up when Nyskohus forced a corner which was taken by Marocchi. Big **Col Bennett** made a long lopping run into the goal mouth and the Hong Kong defence allowed him a free header which he rammed with great power and glee into the back of the net.

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Slavia beats Juve to get into final

Slavia joined George Cross in the State League Cup final by beating Juventus in the last group match on Tuesday.

JUVENTUS 0 SLAVIA 2 (Williams 20, Monaghan 70).

JUVENTUS: Graham 5, Della Rocca 6, Sannipoli 5, Walker 7, Pfisterer 3, Bannon 6, Watkins 7 Di Marchi 5, Lucchesi 5, Smith 6, Hotson (J. Lucchesi).

SLAVIA: Clarke 8, Thomson 6, Miller 6, Short 6, Symington 6, Pye 6, Monaghan 6, Train 6, Bennie 7, Baber 6, Williams 6.

Slavia caused a boilover when it beat a lacklustre Juventus in a complete reversal of Sunday's form.

Jim Williams' high, floating cross deceived **Hugh Graham** in the 20th minute and **Brian Monaghan** headed home **Mark Baber's** cross in a breakaway during a period of Juventus pressure in the second term.

GEORGE CROSS 2 (Murphy (pen) 45, Lawler 60) ALTONA 3 (Taylor 1, Ignatides 28, 75).

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6, McConville 6, Cutajar 5, Maitland 5, Laurie 5, (sub Brusic), Webb 6, Ebini 5, Murphy 7, Tsetsos 5 (sub Lawler 5), Kelly 6, Walker 7.

ALTONA: Van de Poel 6, Plessa 6, Lord 6, Gramsbergen 6, Ignatides 7, Davidson 6, Watters 6, Brazil 6, Little 7, Taylor 6 (sub Curcio).

Altona City startled a much-reshuffled George Cross with a quick goal in the first game on Tuesday, and after that the Cross was always struggling to get back on terms.

Georgie had a good shot kicked off the line by **Bob Gramsbergen** and then Altona went further ahead when **Con Ignatidis** headed home **Nat Little's** accurate cross.

Right on half-time, **Kevin Walker** won a penalty for Georgie and Murphy converted.

George Cross equalised with a goal that was hotly disputted by Altona but Altona snatched a winner when **Con Ignatides** won a race for the ball with **Lou Kastner** and squeezed the ball in off the far post.

Industrial V. Geelong

The Victorian Industrial League representative team, coached by **Tony Vrzina,** will meet a Geelong district select team at Corio Oval on Sunday at 3pm.

'CROSS, MELBOURNE TO WIN THE CUPS

George Cross will meet Slavia in the final of the State League Cup on Sunday, despite Georgie's loss to Altona in the last round.

Slavia's win confirms its second placing to the Cross in the league, but it can expect a much harder battle on Sunday than it had against Juventus on Tuesday.

Billy Wilkinson and top-shot Ken Reed will be back for the Cross and with Kevin Walker at his tantalising best and Paul Murphy always a menace, I think the league champions will be too strong for Slavia.

The outcome is a disappointment for Juve fans, but it is a financial disaster for the V.S.F.

The curtain-raiser at 1.30 pm is the Federation Cup final between Melbourne and Waverley.

With defenders George Csifo and George Kotaridis and strikers Stuart Fowler and Paul Drinoczki in top form, Melbourne played extremely well to beat Knox City in the semi-finals.

A repeat of that effort would give Melbourne victory.
— LES SHORROCK

Kevin Kelly (left) of George Cross and Mark Baber of Slavia lash at the ball, which seems to elude both of them. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

The other side of the glory game

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The standard of the State League this year was extremely poor, George Cross and Juventus being the best of a poor bunch of teams that would come nowhere near the standard that prevailed a few years ago.

The Slavia club, its coach and all concerned get my vote for a job well done in finishing second in the league, despite getting rid of some rebel players half-way through the season.

Rebel players I know about, just as every coach knows that present State league is rife with trouble-makers who play soccer only to exercise between drinks.

It is the responsibility of clubs and particularly coaches, to ensure that all players conduct themselves in a manner that is acceptable on the playing field and at any other time while representing the club.

There are too many coaches who just don't care enough about the need for good behavior and discipline within the club.

Once the cancer sets in and the players are allowed to organise peer groups with dominating individuals controlling others in a negative way and for their own needs, then trouble is just around the corner.

Any new coach coming into this sort of environment has little or no chance of making any progress.

Discipline, good sporting behavior, attainment of a high skill level and conformity of purpose are a must, but never should any individual be denied the right to think clearly for himself without being bulldozed by player power groups that prevail in most clubs.

He must be allowed to express his views, providing they are positive and constructive, and relevant to the common cause — the attainment of successful progress for the club that he represents.

Any players who will not accept this philosophy should be shown the door, so that they may seek and perhaps be allowed to use their negative talents elsewhere.

It is only fair to mention that there are some good dedicated players in the State League with the potential to improve and perhaps become a credit to the game and to themselves. However in the environment that prevails in most clubs it is almost impossible for the few ambitious players to become anything other than a replica of the rebellious ones who set the pattern of mediocrity and unprofessional behavior.

All clubs must choose their coaches wisely and insist that they do not neglect high standards of discipline and sporting behavior, which is the only way to bring players to the realisation that there is no other alternative.

'Godfather'

It was pleasing to read in Rale Rasic's column a few weeks ago that he is all for ethics among coaches and has respect for the profession. I have no doubt that many coaches in the National League and elsewhere will be very happy about his recent decision and that his yearly salary of $20,000 plus fringe benefits will make the profession all the more respectable.

Coaches throughout Australia are anxiously waiting to know the name of the candidate for the new yo-yo coaching award that Rasic speaks of, which no doubt will include a trip to oblivion offered by our coaching godfather in the blue flannel suit.

Coaches in ivory towers should think twice before they make waves, because most of us have things we would like to hide in the cupboard, but it seems they may need airing from time to time.

Still 3rd

In conclusion, may I remind my friends of Fitzroy Alexander that the team that I built up and spent five months training, recruiting and professionally preparing, was in equal 3rd position on the league table when I resigned.

My congratulations to the players and the coach of Alexander for maintaining the excellent standard that was set, and finishing the season in third position.

Cirkovic to stay

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would sign them when he returned from J.U.S.T.'s trip to Wodonga last weekend.

In addition to his wage, Cirkovic was to get a trip to Europe to recruit players.

Now Alexander is said to be looking overseas for a coach.

Cirkovic, voted Victorian Coach of the Year in 1976, played in Yugoslavia for Red Star juniors, Sloboda and Crem. He played for J.U.S.T. from 1965 to 1970 and was player-coach in 1968.

In 1971 he was player-coach of Alexander. The following year he returned to J.U.S.T. and has been its coach ever since.

That makes him by far the longest-serving club coach in the national league.

Slavia failed to control Kevin Walker

By LES SHORROCK

GEORGE CROSS 4 (Reed 45, 57 (pen), Walker 15, Laurie 70), SLAVIA 1 (Short 14).

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6, McConville 6, Cutajar 6, Maitland 6, Laurie 6, Wilkinson 6, Kelly 5, Murphy 7, Reed 6, Webb 6, Walker 8.

SLAVIA: Clarke 6, Thomson 6, Miller 5, Short 6, Symington 6, Willcox 5 (sub Pye 80), Monaghan 5, Train 6, Bennie 6, Baber 6, Williams 5.

George Cross, fielding an unchanged team, looked a lot less convincing than it did against Juventus, although it won this State League Cup match easily enough in the end.

Georgie won the League with two speedy wingers, but with **Rob Cullen** suspended and **Peter Ebini** out it seems to lack width.

Two of the midfielders, **Kevin Kelly** and **John Webb,** have come out of the back four, and with **Billy Wilkinson** looking a little jaded on Sunday (and carrying an injury for most of the game), the burden of transferring defence into attack fell mostly on **Paul Murphy.**

Georgie started the game with a nonchalant air, as if qualifying for the final was merely a formality, but its equilibrium was abruptly shattered when Slavia snatched the lead after 14 minutes.

Andy Miller made ground on the left and stabbed a low ball across the goalmouth to the far post, where **Steve Short** was lurking to push the ball home via the post.

Slavia's lead was short-lived, however, for within the minute **Kevin Walker** had equalised in a goalmouth scramble.

Georgie then proceeded to give Slavia a torrid time and **Peter Clarke** played well and luckily in goal, keeping the rampant Cross attack at bay.

However, in one breakaway **Brian Monaghan** was unlucky not to score when his shot hit the advancing **Lou Kastner,** but apart from that, Slavia's opportunities were few and far between.

Georgie delivered the killer blow right on half-time when a well-flighted free-kick found **Ken Reed's** head and the State League's top goal-scorer notched his 26th goal.

In the second half, Georgie's superiority became even more pronounced, with **Kevin Walker** in particularly tormenting form and the Slavia defenders using very direct methods to stop him.

Just on the hour, Walker had his revenge when Frank Thomson whipped his legs away from under him and the referee pointed to the penalty spot.

Paul Murphy took the kick and scored, but referee **Bambridge** spotted an infringement and ordered the kick to be retaken and this time **Ken Reed** was successful.

After that it was plain sailing for Georgie and another goal was always on the cards.

It came when a good cross from **Billy Wilkinson** found **George Laurie** waiting by the far post and his diving header beat Clarke.

Makedonia v. Green Gully

Makedonia and Green Gully will meet in the Victorian under 14 Cup final at Cochrane Reserve, Preston, on Saturday.

In the semi-finals last Sunday Makedonia beat Hakoah 2-1 and Green Gully beat Altona 1-0.

Vele Stojanovski put Makedonia into the lead against Hakoah after six minutes but Hakoah's **Chris Tsiropoulos** equalised soon after.

It was **Con Opasinis** who scored the winning goal for Makedonia near the end ot the game.

In the other game Green Gully, coached by **Tony Vella,** got a lot of drive from **Tony Vella Jun.** and **Chris Gerick. George Borg** scored the winning goal from a Gerick cross.

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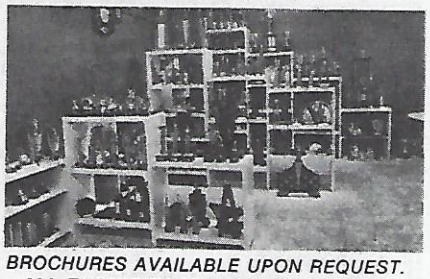

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DeMarchi gets off the bench and destroys Altona

Dino De Marchi — scored four goals against Altona.

By LES SHORROCK

Altona 1 (Banagan 15)
Juventus 5 (DeMarchi 4, 32, 40, 63. Lucchesi 30)

Altona: van der Poel 6, Pless 5 (sub Pedley 80, 5), Lord 6, Gramsbergen 6, Ignatidis 5, Davidson 6, Watters 5, Banagan 5, Curcio 5 (h.t. Brazil 4), Little 5, Taylor 5.

Juventus: Graham 6, Della Rocca 6, Sabadini 6, Walker 6, Pfisterer 6, Bannon 7, Watkins 8, De Marchi 9, Lucchesi 7, Smith 8, Hotson 7.

The State League Cup came back to life with a goal-glut on Sunday as Juventus, after succumbing so meekly in the first round, thrashed Altona 5-1.

The Jekyll and Hyde Juventus side staged another of its famous turnabouts after most of us had written-off its chances of even making the Final.

Rather understandably, we had all overlooked **Dino DeMarchi,** who, from early July until the end of the League season proper, had sat on the bench and watched **Jim Armstrong** aand **Mick Watkins** accumulate fifteen goals between them.

Then, Jim Armstrong was badly injured and Coach **McLachlan** was forced to use Dino and in his first stint, he played 120 minutes of Cup final soccer and scored the winning penalty to boot!

During the week, he became a father and unfortunately for Altona, decided to celebrate at their expense.

The victory wasn't DeMarchi's alone, of course, for a lot went into this game.

It started with the astute McLachlan who, realising that he was up against a running, bustling side this time, switched from the usual four-three-three formation to four-four-two, with only Mick Watkins and DeMarchi as front runners.

This left **Bannon, Smith, Lucchesi** and **Hotson** to control the midfield and this they did superbly.

Altona's midfield didn't get a smell of the ball after the initial fifteen minutes, the centre-backs didn't know who to mark, and the defence that had only conceded three goals once in the entire season and had shut out the opposition seven times, was in tatters at half-time.

Juventus struck early when DeMarchi's shot hit a defender and was deflected past Hans van der Poel, but there was no hint of a big win, then, just a shade of luck about the Juventus again as **Mick Banagan** equalised ten minutes later.

Juventus had just survived a nasty moment as Banagan cleverly threaded his way along the bye-line, passing the ball to **Alan Davidson,** whose shot was kicked away by goalie **Hugh Graham.**

Then, a quick thrust saw Graham rather foolishly trying to kick a ball away and missing, leaving Banagan with the easiest of opportunities to score.

Juve looked a bit rattled then and Banagan could have put Altona ahead as he raced through, but he hit Graham as the goalie came out, and that was the last chance Altona had, for Juventus got an iron grip on the game with two quick goals at the half-hour mark.

First, Mick Watkins beat two men with consummate ease and unselfishly (surprise! surprise!) pushed the ball to Lucchesi who gratefully smashed it past van der Poel.

Then, Mick Watkins hit a cracker of a shot that van der Poel was happy to stop, but couldn't hold.

DeMarchi, lurking in the goal square like **Jimmy Greaves** of old, snapped up the crumbs for number three.

Five minutes before half-time, Juventus struck the mortal blow and again, it was DeMarchi.

Charlie Smith, who was having a great game, beat his man, squared the ball and DeMarchi thrust out his chest and diverted the ball past van der Poel who looked stunned at the audacity of it all.

Things could have been worse for Altona, though, for Claude Lucchesi dribbled round two defenders, then left van der Poel sprawling vainly on the ground before slipping the ball to Watkins, who incredibly hit the bar from about a yard out.

But Juventus was playing with nonchalant self-assurance now and after Lucchesi had squandered another good chance, hitting the ball over the bar, Dino the Great struck again, with another deflected shot past the bemused van der Poel (don't buy a Tatts

Big two kept out

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

West Adelaide Hellas and Adelaide Juventus, who were both banned from fielding teams in this year's South Australian Ampol Night Cup, have been invited to compete in the next series in January.

However, it is doubtful if either will accept the invitation.

The SA Soccer Federation was disturbed at the poor attendances and lack of interest during this year's series and their invitation to the "big two" is seen as a way of giving the series a big boost.

But I believe that both Juventus and Hellas feel that they would have very little to gain from competing.

Both clubs are keen to play a night series cup at the same time, involving Melbourne clubs.

A Juventus official told me recently that, to play in the local night series would take a lot of shine off the Philips league.

Juventus secretary, **Carine Picarello,** said his committee would look at the invitation but added that they were unlikely to accept.

He said an early start to the national league (March 5) would be the prime reason.

Hellas secretary, **Jim Carapetis,** said his club had planned several friendlies early next year and this would rule them out of the local competition.

At this stage, the top six clubs in the first division will compete in the Ampol Cup but if Hellas and Juventus do accept the invitation, the format would be changed.

Meanwhile, former Australian Rules player **Julian Swinstead** is considering turning to soccer during the Ampol Cup.

Swinstead, a journalist with "The News", played in the recent Press v. TV and Radio charity soccer match, and was impressive.

The powerful Central Districts (Adelaide) and Port Melbourne (VFA) defender played as an overlapping fullback in the charity match and caught the eye of several first division officials.

He showed all the touches of a good first divisional player and topped off his performance by scoring a goal.

Having played alongside him in the match, there is very little doubt that Swinstead could succeed at First Division level.

His appearance would also be a big boost for the sport at a time when interest in local soccer is waning.

On the national league front, Juventus' **Gary Marocchi** is expected to re-sign for the club when he completes his World Cup duties.

Marocchi, 22, was on loan from Azzurri Perth.

Marocchi will be married in Perth soon and will return to Adelaide.

Juventus is still negotiating for several players for next season to strengthen their claim for the league title next season.

Soccer Press

The Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association will have its annual meeting and election of office bearers at the Vineyard Restaurant in Acland Street, St. Kilda, at 7.30pm on Thursday, November 10.

All members are urged to attend.

Meet new manager

South Melbourne Hellas supporters and players will meet new manager **Dave Maclaren** at a barbecue at 28 Albert Road, Highett on November 12, at 7 pm.

Cost is $8 a person for food and drinks.

Further information is available on 795 4386.

State Cup winners

Previous winners of the State League Cup —

1969 — Juventus 3 J.U.S.T. 2

1970 — Juventus 3 Melbourne 1

1971 — Croatia 3 Hellas 2

No competition in 1972.

1973 — George Cross 3 Hakoah 0

1974 — J.U.S.T. 2 Alexander 1

1975 — J.U.S.T. 1 Mooroolbark 1, J.U.S.T. won on penalties 5-4.

1976 — J.U.S.T. 2 Hellas 1.

J.U.S.T. left back Andy Kazi — likely to retire.

KAZI TO GO

Footscray J.U.S.T. has started work on relocating and improving the soccer pitch at Schintler Reserve. The pitch will be moved 17 feet towards the railway line.

The kiosk has been removed to make room for a training pitch.

The dressing shed, which was burned out earlier this year, will be replaced with a modern building, which will also be used as a caretaker's residence.

Four tiers will be added to the existing terracing and this area will be covered.

Building of a licenced social club, originally scheduled to start mid-year, has been postponed perhaps until late next year.

Meanwhile, J.U.S.T. will recruit two players from Yugoslavia and is interested in two players from Melbourne.

Left back **Andy Kazi,** who has served J.U.S.T. for 14 years, has asked the club to find a replacement for him so he can retire.

Captain **Frank Micic** is also expected to hang up his boots.

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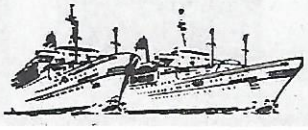

"Bon Voyage"

Tasmania to have State - wide league

Tasmania, like Queensland, is finalising plans for a genuine State-wide league next season, the first towards entering a team in the national league.

The new Tasmanian State League will comprise Ulverstone, Devonport, Georgetown, Launceston United, Launceston Juventus and five clubs from Hobart — Rapid Wrest Point, Sandfly Olympia, Newtown White Eagles, Glenorchy Croatia, and Margate Caledonian.

The president of the Australian Soccer Federation, **Sir Arthur George,** has praised the plan for the new league.

He has also praised the organisation of Tasmanian soccer whose executive members are all independent, without affiliation to any club.

Sir Arthur and Lady George were guests at the Tasmanian Soccer Association's annual trophy night and Miss Soccer Quest judging.

Also present were the Premier, **Mr. Bill Nielsen,** and representatives of Rothmans, TAA, Ampol, 7HT, 7HO, and TVT6.

Winner of the Miss Soccer quest was **Miss Debbie Hibbs** of the Olympia club.

Trophy winners were:

Winfield League Division One: White Eagles.

Ampol Cup: Devonport.

Michael Taylor Cup: White Eagles.

DJ Motors Cup: Rapid Wrest Point.

State Premiership trophy: White Eagles.

White Eagles, the Polish-sponsored club, won three major trophies and were also semi-ginalists in the Ampol Cup, yet after the last game they told coach **Glyn Jenkins**, who is also Tasmanian State coach, that he would be replaced by a player-coach from Poland.

The Tasmanian Soccer Association again had a stall at the Royal Hobart Show, and it was bigger and better than last year's.

Displays included:

The Tasmanian Rothmans gold medal and photos of all winners;

Color cards of all Philips national league players plus the final league ladder and information about grounds and officials;

Information about the local leagues;

Details about junior soccer and about refereeing.

The stall handed out 10,000 free gifts including balloons and soccer stickers.

Sir Arthur George

● Pele is back in Brazil, after having retired from the New York Cosmos. Here he is signing autographs in Sao Paulo. He will now begin a new career as an international public relations executive for Warner Communications. Pele is back in his homeland to "prepare myself psychologically in order not to miss playing professional soccer".

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THREE-NATION TOURNAMENT THE HIGHLIGHT

The local fans were all agog to see Red Star again after the brilliant displays it had given against Australia, winning three times by the score of 3-1 each time in February.

Part two of a review of the Victorian season by LES SHORROCK

Our expectations were only heightened by the news from Singapore where Red Star, Celtic and Arsenal played in a tournament with the Singapore national side.

In the final there, Red Star beat Celtic 3-1, and Celtic's goal was a last-minute penalty at that.

The opening game of the tournament was a sensational one, with Australia beating Arsenal of England 3-1.

"Soccer Action's" **Tom Anderson** described it as Australia's finest hour since we qualified for the World Cup finals, and his view was reinforced by Arsenal's manager, **Terry Neill,** who sportingly said: "We were beaten by a better team on the night.

The following night it was Melbourne's turn to see two top European sides play each other, namely Red Star versus Celtic.

Twenty-one thousand people packed into Olympic Park on that historic Thursday night and they were not disappointed, although the game was far from a repeat of the Singapore final.

Celtic's manager **Jock Stein,** closed ranks and offered Red Star a stern uncompromising defence and the game ended 1-1.

Then it was Arsenal's turn to meet Celtic, back at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and after that game, Arsenal was still pointless, Celtic winning 3-2, and there were rumours of unrest in the Arsenal camp.

Australia's next game was at the Sydney Sports Ground, against Celtic and once again the Socceroos did us proud, going down by the odd goal and showing a ton of character by surviving a 2nd minute goal and actually taking the lead.

Jock Stein was moved to say after the game that Australia has a team to be proud of.

On the same night, Red Star met Arsenal at the Hindmarsh Stadium, and it was partial redemption for the Gunners, for they won 1-0, and in so doing, kept the tournament alive, with Red Star faced with having to beat Australia to reach the final.

Once again Australia went down gallantly, after leading twice in the game, and its displays gave us great heart for the forthcoming World Cup battles

So the stage was set for a repeat of the Singapore final, and a memorable game it was too, with Celtic gaining rich revenge, winning 2-0.

The only sour note in a wonderful tournament was the sending home in disgrace of **Malcolm McDonald** and **Alan Hudson** by Arsenal manager **Terry Neill.**

After the cake and champagne of international soccer, it was back to the bread and butter of the local league, with **George Cross** leading narrowly from **Slavia,** and the rainiest winter since Federation playing havoc with fixtures.

We hadn't entirely done with international teams, though, for Iran was due, and we were bound to do well against them, weren't we, after the great displays against the three European clubs.

Unfortunately, it doesn't always turn out that way in this game of ours, and in front of the best support they had ever enjoyed in Melbourne, the Socceroos flopped badly against Iran, and suddenly we were back to square one.

Dave Harding missed a penalty right on half-time, shooting wildly over the bar, and Iran scored the only goal of the game in the 68th minute.

Meanwhile, back on the home front, George Cross continued to make every post a winner and sharp-shooting **Ken Reed** banged in goal after goal.

Polonia finally cracked it too, winning its first game in 16.

Australia kept its World Cup hopes alive, winning 2-1 against South Korea in Sydney, but the win was hardly convincing, and **Kosmina's** winning goal was a fluke.

Now it was vital that Kuwait should be beaten, in the final home game to give Australia six points to build on in the tough away encounters in Seoul and Teheran, Kuwait and Hong Kong.

But even those hopes were dashed as Kuwait won 2-1 and the Socceroos looked like becoming an embarrassment to our sponsors.

Here in Melbourne, George Cross duly won the state League championship, being beaten only twice, and in the end winning by seven points from Slavia.

But **Juventus** took the Dockerty Cup from Georgie in some measure of revenge.

Ironically, the two teams relegated from the Metro Second Division were the reserve teams of the national clubs, **Moorooibark** and **Hellas,** thus somewhat allaying the fears of those who somehow felt that these reserve sides would reach State League status in record time and thus upset the voting balance.

The personal honours, locally, went to **David Baker** of **Hakoah** who won the Rothman's medal for the second time, and **Mick Rainey** also of **Hakoah** who was "Soccer Action's" player of the year.

The eclipse of the Sydney influence in the national league, despite the fact that Hakoah-Easts won the championship, was emphasised at the league's annual general meeting which elected **Sam Papasavas** as chairman, **Charlie Caruso** of Adelaide as deputy and **Tony Kovac** the other executive member.

With **Jim Mangopolous** also elected to the committee along with **John Morkus** of Brisbane and **Gary Dent** of Marconi, Sydney's domination of Australian Soccer has ended.

Personally, I feel that the new executive will ensure a more harmonious relationship with the V.S.F., but more on that next week.

Rusmir seeks players

Former J.U.S.T. and Juventus coach Milenko Rusmir (pictured) has been re-appointed boss of Keilor-Austria.

Rusmir said the club would start training next week on Thursday and every Thursday until Christmas.

He said he was eager to hear from players interested in joining the progressive Austria club, whose headquarters are in Keilor, just outside the Keilor village.

Rusmir can be contacted during working hours on 795 4166, extension 22.

Ken Prior voted Geelong's best

Former Corio player Ken Prior has won Geelong's best and fairest award.

Ken won the Arnold Murray Medal by one vote from midfielder **Ken Meadows** in an exciting count.

Prior played in all 22 league games and scored 19 goals while runner up Meadows, played in the midfield in 3 games.

Tony Gorman won the reserves Geelong Mazda Medal in runaway style with 33 votes while veteran goalkeeper **Tom Meadows** was runner-up with 21 votes.

The Peter Quince Trophies for the most determined players went to **Jim Llewellyn** for the firsts and **Tony Gorman** for the reserves.

The Jewellery Generation and Geelong Opal Centre most improved players trophies were won by **Alan Ogilvie** for the firsts and **Andy Cooper** for the reserves.

The Golden Goal of the Year was the **Neil Miller** solo effort at Werribee early in the season. Neil took the ball in the middle of the field, beat two men and chipped it to the far post for a great goal. Neil for his effort took home the Andy Baxter Goblet.

Most courageous trophy winner was **Ken Meadows** who won the Stan Wootton award for coming back to the first eleven after eight weeks lay-off with a cartilage operation.

The Geelong Honda Centre encouragement award went to **Colin Mead** while the top First Aid man **Dave Sedgwick** took home a momento of the year.

The coach's choice as the player of the year went to **Jim Llewellyn** along with a **$20** voucher at the Angus Color Centre while the Clubman of the Year was Melba.

Votegetters:

Firsts:

	3s	2s	1s
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Meadows K	6	5	0 28
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At the junior best and fairest counting versatile **Paul Murray** took off the under 10 award with **Stephen Simpson** filling the runner-up position. Third in the award was **Cameron Smith** who had played well on the forward line during the year.

In the under 12 Geelong League side **Paul Whittaker** took the trophy while **David Warmsley** filled the runner up spot. Striker **Liam McCluskey** and **Manual Ballister** who was the sides utility also polled well.

The under 12 Melbourne League award went to **David Warmsley** who turned the tables on **Paul Whittaker. Liam McCluskey** also polled well again as did full back **Kevin Hall.**

Jamie Cowlishaw, a full back, took off the most consistent award for his reliable play.

The coaches' trophy went to goalie **John Friday** who had a tremendous year.

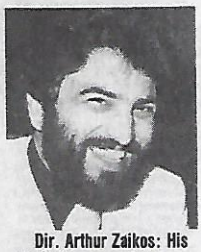
Greeks, Italians made it work!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

"Tell Sydney and Melbourne that times are changing," West Adelaide Hellas president Dr. Arthur Zaikos said back in January. "South Australia will be a force in the national league."

He wasn't kidding! Supported by the Greek and Italian communities of Adelaide, Hellas and Juventus drew some of the biggest crowds of the season and were among the strongest clubs.

Juventus had the biggest support, drawing more than 100,000 spectators for the season and finishing in fourth place.



Dir. Arthur Zaikos: His prediction came true.

The national league was also a smash hit in Brisbane where the Italian community turned out in force to back Brisbane City (Azzurri). Lions had their hard core of Dutch supporters but both clubs were also able to draw members of other nationalities, thus boasting regular crowds of between 4000 and 6000.

Generally, the league relied heavily on the support of the Greek and Italian communities.

Of the five Sydney clubs, only the Greek-backed Olympic and the Italian-backed Marconi could muster respectable support.

In Melbourne the Greeks were split between Alexander and Hellas, with Alexander the more successful team, finishing third in the league behind Hakoah and Marconi.

The Yugoslav community backed Footscray J.U.S.T. to a greater extent than it had in the State League and although the club didn't complain, there are enough Yugoslavs in Melbourne to provide much bigger crowds. It was interesting that early in the season especially, J.U.S.T. had very strong support from Yugoslavs when it played in Sydney. Sometimes the Yugoslav spectators outnumbered the rest.

What follows is a chronological review of the inaugural national league year.

Socceroo John Nyskokus (right), pictured against Alan Parrot of J.U.S.T., was bought by Adelaide Juventus early in the year.

JANUARY

Adelaide Juventus poured the foundations of its $450,000 club building at Olympic Sports Field, while West Adelaide Hellas announced financial backing from the Hellenic Club centre in Light Square.

Juventus made its biggest player deal in signing **John Nyskohus** from Lion but another recruit, Portuguese **Tito Amarito** proved to be unsuccessful. **Ian Bendall** from Sydney did not work out either.

Agenor Muniz (left), in action against Brian Turner in an Australia v. New Zealand World Cup game. Juventus bought Muniz from Hakoah for an Australian record fee of $15,000.

Negotiations were also being completed for **Gary Marocchi** of Azzurri Perth to join Juventus on loan.

At West Adelaide **Mike Johnson** from Sydney replaced coach **John Margaritis** who had returned to Melbourne after taking the Adelaide team to the championship and Coca Cola Cup.

Johnson had brought with him Sydney players **Branson, Bourke, Haynes** and **Honeyman**. Branson didn't make it, Bourke left to play for Canberra, Haynes wasn't happy and ended up with Hakoah, leaving Honeyman as Johnson's only successful recruit. However, Honeyman was later to cop a long suspension from the league over an unpleasant incident during a game.

West Australian star **Gordon McCulloch** joined West Adelaide but disappeared from the team about half way through the year.

Another newcomer was **Peter Boyle** from Scottish club Clyde. Boyle was ill for some time but became captain and a valuable player.

Fledgling Canberra, the brand new club managed by **Johnny Warren** was busy team building. At this stage it had Ivan Grujlic who, however, would first complete the Ampol Cup series with Essendon Lions in Melbourne, **Brian** and **John Stoddart**, **John Brown, Ron Tilsed** and South Americans **Langone, Salgaido** and **Spareta** who didn't make the team.

In Melbourne, Hellas and J.U.S.T. showed the way. Hellas signed **Billy Rogers** from APIA $7000 and J.U.S.T. imported Scottish fullback **Jim Milne** from Arbroath. Hellas also signed defender **Anton Dosen** from Hakoah.

A few days later Alexander announced the biggest deal yet. It bought Jim Tansey and Jim O'Reilly from Slavia for a total of $14,000, and got back half the money by selling Jack Reilly and Ian Gibson to Hellas for $7000.

Mooroolbark was trying to negotiate amalgamation with Ringwood Wilhelmina but after lengthy talks the deal was to fall through. Mooroolbark thus failed to get Ringwood's fine ground and its better players.

However, the Barkers imported three players from England — defenders **Dave Ellis** and **Max Irwin** and goalkeeper **Paul Wilding.**

In Sydney, Hakoah signed **Alan Kershaw** from Southport in England while Western Suburbs imported **Mike Berry** who never made it and ace goalscorer **Graham Norris.**

Olympic came up with Newcastle wonder boy **Joe Senkalski** while St George bought goalkeeper **Dave McQuire** from APIA for $1500.

But the deals to end all deals involved those two super stars Jimmy Rooney and Attila Abonyi.

Abonyi, darling of St. George, was unable to come to terms on a new contract and switched to Croatia Sydney for $8000. Thus the national league lost one of the most exciting players in Australia.

Rooney, the Australian vice-captain, was transferred from APIA to Marconi for an amount which remains a secret even today. It is estimated at somewhere between $4000 and $8000, but the deal involves a lot more as Rooney was reported to have been guaranteed $20,000 over **two** years.

Up in Brisbane, a Dutchman called **Sjaak Wert** joined Lions but unfortunately did not make the grade. Negotiations were under way to sign Glasgow Rangers star **Willie Henderson,** then playing in Hong Kong, but the deal was not to be finalised until much later in the season.

FEBRUARY

The month started with two more big transfers — **Phil O'Connor** going from Wollongong to St. George for $8000 and **Col Bennett** switching from APIA to Brisbane Lions for $7000.

Marconi was to blast Wollongong and O'Connor, claiming the talented winger had earlier agreed terms with Marconi.

Meanwhile, Brisbane City signed another Wollongong player, **Larry Gaffney.**

Canberra was having trouble with **John Stoddart** who returned to Sydney for a while claiming Canberra had not arranged a satisfactory job for him.

Col Curran, the star left back of Australia's 1974 World Cup team was lured back from Newcastle for Adamstown Rosebuds.

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Attila Abonyi — big league lost him when he went from St. George to Croatia Sydney for $8000.

Jimmy Rooney (right) switched from APIA to Marconi in January, and went on to win the Australian Player of the Year Award. His coach Rale Rasic (left) was named Coach of the Year.

Branko Buljevic (right) shoots for goal against Brisbane Lions. Fitzroy Alexander bought Buljevic from J.U.S.T. for $12,500 and he was one of the stars of the league.

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Some of the national league stars were getting valuable match practice with the Australian team which, however, lost 1-3, 1-3, 1-3 to Red Star and then drew 1-1 twice with Israel. Negotiations were completed for a super soccer series between Arsenal, Red Star, Celtic and Australia, which would give the Socceroos further valuable practice.

Fitzroy Alexander signed two Scotsmen — defender **Bob Provan** from Clydebank and junior league man **Ken Taylor,** while one of its most experienced stars, **Keith Webster,** announced he was moving. Webster, formerly of Juventus, was to sign for Frankston.

The League bosses made a progressive move when they decided that all players would retain shirt numbers for the whole season to enable spectators to recognise them more easily. Unfortunately, not all clubs were to stick to this agreement.

On the Socceroos' return from their tour of Asia and Europe, many of them, including **Utjesenovic**, Tansey and Ollerton, had called for the return of **Branko Buljevic** to the national squad.

Buljevic, one of Australia's finest soccer players, dropped a bombshell when he announced he was seeking a transfer from J.U.S.T., the club with which he had played since 1967.

In Sydney, Olympic announced it was expecting forward **Ray Botham** from Manchester United's reserves, full back **Paul Luckett** from Coventry City and midfielder **Mike Cross** from Stockport. **Kalfas**, Europe's top scorer for 1975/76 was also expected to join Olympic on loan from his Cypriot club Nicosia, but he was never to arrive, like so many other super-stars whose names were bandied about — **Papaiouannou, Spiegler, Domazos, Koudas, George Best, Keith Weller, Peter Marinello, Eusebio** etc. etc. etc.

National league clubs were to learn that it's far from easy and far from cheap to lure big names to Australia.

Planning for the national league TV programme — **"Philips Top Soccer"** — was well under way. **Jeff Thomas,** compere of the Tasmanian version of **"This Day Tonight",** and Melbourne soccer writer **Jim Barker** were to host the show. **Bob Gardham**, producer of **"The Big Match"** in England, was to come to Australia for a few weeks to advise the 0-10 network on techniques.

National league coaches formed the Professional Soccer Coaches and Managers' Association to protect their interests. The association did absolutely nothing. If it ever met, the meeting was not reported.

Two vital practice games gave an indication of how some of the teams would fare in the league, Alexander beat Hellas 3-0 in Melbourne, with two goals by **Gary Cole** and one by **George Gillan**, while Marconi beat J.U.S.T. 2-0 in Sydney, with a penalty by **Gary Byrne** and a 69th minute goal by **Peter Sharne.**

Marconi's win capped a great week for the club. Earlier, it had clinched $200,000 sponsorship by Rosso Antico for over three years.

St. George continued its team building by signing **Rudolfo Gnavi** from Olympic for $9000.

MARCH

Branko Buljevic found a new club when he switched to Alexander for a transfer fee of $12,500 — an Australian record!

Brisbane City became the third club with sponsorship (Canberra had $60,000 from Brian Pollock Motors) when it clinched $150,000 over three years from Living Insurance. City also announced it was expecting young midfielder **Frank Pimblett** of Aston Villa.

Hakoah's announcement that **Eusebio** would play guest games for about $3000 a match created unprecedented excitement in Australian soccer. Three weeks later, Hakoah was to announce that Eusebio had encountered "visa problems" and would not come after all.

South Melbourne Hellas made what it later realised was a monumental mistake when it placed all-time champions **Jim Armstrong** and **Steve Walker** on the transfer list, claiming they were too old for national league soccer. Both were to sign for Juventus.

Eusebio — Hakoah was going to bring him here but he ran into "visa difficulties."

Practice matches continued, with J.U.S.T. beating Alexander 1-0 with a goal by **Frank Micic,** and West Adelaide Hellas humiliating South Melbourne Hellas 4-2 in Adelaide.

Marconi introduced a localised Sydney pre-season competition called the Rosso Antico Cup. In the first round Western Suburbs beat St. George 2-1 and Hakoah beat Marconi 2-1.

The league decided that imported guest stars could play for up to three league clubs so that the expense could be shared, but there was to be no need to apply that rule.

Hellas and Mooroolbark played a practice game at Middle Park. It was abandoned after 25 minutes when about 50 fans rushed onto the pitch and attacked the referee and linesmen. The violence was triggered by the sending off of **Jimmy Mackay** and **Peter Ollerton.**

There was no end to Hellas' troubles. Star midfielder **Peter Bourne** announced his retirement. He said he was putting his family and his job ahead of soccer.

Branko Buljevic made his debut for Alexander in a practice match and scored the goal that gave his team a 1-1 draw with Slavia.

Afterwards, coach **Jim Adam** announced reinforcements were on their way in the form of **Jim McMorran** from Aston Villa and **Jim Campbell** from English non-league club Bedford Town. McMorran was to be transferred to Makedonia, while Campbell was to become a handy goalscorer for Alexander.

J.U.S.T. had an embarrassing afternoon at Footscray when it managed only a 3-3 draw with lowly Polonia.

But J.U.S.T.'s officials smiled again the following week when they negotiated $100,000 sponsorship from Yugoslav Airlines over three years.

About the same time, Adelaide Juventus announced it was being backed by Living Insurance for $200,000 over three years. The $200,000 was the richest club sponsorship yet. Total sponsorship of the league — including Philips Industries' $450,000 — was now $1,240,000.

St. George chalked up impressive victories, beating Granville 7-0, Brisbane City 6-1 and Brisbane Lions 3-0, while Western Suburbs beat the Socceroos 1-0 just before they left for the World Cup matches against Taiwan in Fiji.

J.U.S.T. got revenge for its loss to Marconi in Sydney by beating Marconi 2-1 in Melbourne, but South Melbourne Hellas continued its downhill slide by losing 0-1 to West Adelaide Hellas at Middle Park. Hakoah meanwhile beat Adelaide Juventus 1-0 in Adelaide with a goal by big **Terry Smith.**

Bill Pirie — scored seven goals while guesting for Sydney Olympic.

John Taylor (right) pictured with J.U.S.T.'s Mendo Ristovski, while trialing with Canberra. Taylor took out a writ seeking a free release from Fitzroy-Alexander. A court case could have blown the transfer system sky high, but the case was settled when Alexander let Taylor go free.

Juventus' defeat brought the team back to earth after it had earlier beaten local Adelaide teams 9-1, 5-1 and 6-2. Juventus featured its Granville recruit **Brian Northcote** in attack. Northcote had earlier been sought by Brisbane City.

Marconi had been negotiating for some time to sign Mooroolbark striker **Graham French** who was Victoria's top scorer in 1976 but after the deal appeared set to go through, French suddenly signed for South Melbourne Hellas.

His price was $10,000. Most people felt Hellas could not use French alongside Peter Ollerton — that they would get in each other's way. That later proved to be the case. French was a failure, scoring only one or two goals for the year.

Meanwhile, Hakoah went on a rampage in Brisbane, scoring 13 goals to nil against Queensland's two national league sides.

Hakoah beat Lions 7-0 and City 6-0, with **Terry Smith** collecting five goals over the two games.

In Melbourne, **Andy Bozikas** made a comeback after injury with a hat-trick in Alexander's effortless 6-1 victory over Ringwood City in a practice game.

Hellas finally reversed the trend of failures by fighting back to draw 2-2 with J.U.S.T. after trailing 2-2. **Ian Gibson** and **Duncan Cummings** were the form players behind the recovery.

In Sydney, Marconi grabbed a lucky 1-1 draw with Alexander which played with 10 men for the last 10 minutes after **Jim O'Reilly** had been injured, with the substitutes already on the field.

In the Rosso Antico Cup play-off for third place Marconi beat St. George 2-1 after extra time, and in the final Hakoah beat Western Suburbs.

Then Marconi went to Canberra where it was held to a 1-1 draw. The equalising goal came from **Ivan Gruljcic** and the star of the match was 16-year-old full back **Danny Moulis** who was to be named among the best young players of the league at the end of the season.

Canberra continued its good form by beating J.U.S.T. 2-0 at home on the eve of the big kick-off while Brisbane Lions held Marconi to a 1-1 draw in Sydney and Olympic beat Alexander 2-1 in Melbourne.

These results indicated quite clearly that the league would be close.

Polonia Adelaide star John Kosmina, who had been sought by both Marconi and Adelaide Juventus, finally decided to join West Adelaide Hellas on a year's loan. The loan fee was $4000 and he was guaranteed an income of $7000 from Hellas.

APRIL

After the first round of matches Western Suburbs headed the table by virtue of its 5-0 win over Mooroolbark, but it was Hakoah that put on the most impressive performance in beating Alexander 3-1 in Melbourne. After that game, a **"Soccer Action"** headline read: **"Soccer Machine Hakoah for the title?"**

The most impressive individual performances of the first round came from **Peter Ollerton, Jim Milne, Zoran Ilioski, Henry Mowbray, Hilton Silva, Joe Senkalski, Dave Hardin, Clive Eaton, Graham Norris** and **David Jones.**

Canberra had an unfortunate start, losing **Grujicic** and **John Stoddart** who were both sent off against West Adelaide Hellas.

Malcolm Macdonald scores one of Budapest in front of 15,000 people

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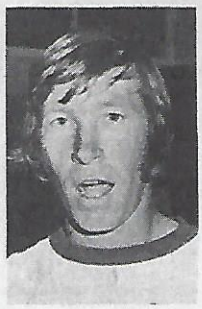


Jimmy Mackay — retired early in the season.

In the second week of the league season, Adelaide Juventus announced it would buy **Dixie Deans** from Celtic for $20,000 but he wasn't to arrive until five weeks later.

With 37,000 people having watched the first round of the season, the second round was completed in front of a similar total crowd, with the biggest turn-up being at the Hellas v. Alexander game — about 9000. It ended in a 1-1 draw.

The most noteworthy second round result was Juventus Adelaide's 4-0 rout of Marconi in Sydney. People were now talking in hushed tones about Juventus.

Mooroolbark's problems continued. Having lost French to Hellas, **Dave Rigby** and **Peter Vaughan** announced their departure. Both were to return however, after a short absence.

In the third week of the season, Hellas' brilliant midfielder Jimmy Mackay announced his retirement. Mackay had been dropped from the team, but he was adamant this was not the reason for his retirement. He said he tried to quit the previous year but that Hellas persuaded him to keep going a while longer. Tributes poured in from all over Australia for the champion whose goal against South Korea put Australia into the 1974 World Cup finals.

Marconi signed **John Russell** from APIA and managed a morale-boosting 3-1 victory over St. George which was not living up to its reputation.

Hakoah was held to a scoreless draw by Brisbane City and the following week it lost 2-4 to Marconi.

Scottish recruit **Charlie Smith** made his debut for J.U.S.T. in its 2-2 draw with Mooroolbark but Smith was to prove a failure in the national league and was transferred to Juventus Melbourne.

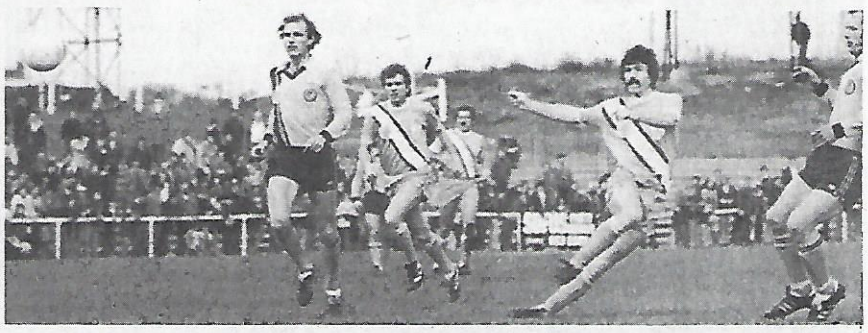
At the end of the month Western Suburbs was the undefeated league leader, with Adelaide Juventus second and Marconi third. Hakoah was lying sixth.

MAY

Hellas president **Sam Papasavas** opened the month with a stinging attack on his players, threatening mass sackings if they did not improve.

Papasavas tried to buy **Dave Rigby** from Mooroolbark but the deal fell through. In one of the strangest episodes of the league, Mooroolbark manager **Malcolm Jones** closed the deal with Papasavas but then Mooroolbark president **Tom Bailey** rang Papasavas with the news that Rigby was not for sale. Papasavas withdrew his offer in confusion.

Agenor Muniz quit Hakoah and was sold to Adelaide



Ernie Campbell (second from right) scores one of his three goals in Marconis 8-1 win over Alexander. Other players pictured, from left: Jim Tansey, Roberto Vieri, Ray Richards, Arthur McMillan.

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Juventus for $15,000 which replaced Buljevic's $12,500 transfer as the new Australian record.

An air controllers' strike in May caused the postponement of three sixth round matches, which had to be caught up mid-week, putting a considerable strain on the clubs involved — South Melbourne Hellas, Footscray J.U.S.T., Brisbane Lions, West Adelaide Hellas, Brisbane City and St. George.

Mooroolbark continued its fiasco by suspending its president, **Tom Bailey.**

St. George announced it would have Charlie George of Derby County for at least six guest games, while Juventus' new signing, Dixie Deans, scored a goal and set up another one in his first game — the 3-0 victory over Sydney Olympic.

May 22 was one of the blackest days of the national league. Vicious fighting broke out at West Adelaide's 3-3 draw with St. George in Adelaide and West Adelaide was fined $500 and put on a $2000 bond.

Meanwhile, Olympic's guest striker **Bill Pirie** from Scotland brought his tally to three goals in three games by scoring in Olympic's 3-3 draw with Alexander in Sydney, and Hakoah suffered another set-back by being held to a 2-2 draw by Mooroolbark.

By the end of May, Marconi had taken over league leadership, from Western Suburbs, Juventus and Hakoah.

Charlie George made his debut for St. George but the Saints got stage fright and managed only a scoreless draw with visiting Brisbane Lions.

The annual coaches-go-round started with Mooroolbark replacing **Archie Campbell** with **Brian Edgley** and **Jim Adam** quitting Alexander after a demonstration against him at Middle Park where his team had drawn 2-2 with Western Suburbs.

John Margaritis, former coach of West Adelaide and South Melbourne Hellas, took over from Adam after **Tony Boggi** had led Alexander for two weeks as caretaker coach.

Marconi was among the clubs to welcome guest players, as Roberto Vieri arrived from Italy where he played for Sampdoria, Juventus, Roma and Bologna.

Charlie George — failed to live up to expectations at St. George.

JUNE

The biggest name to grace the national league, Malcolm Macdonald, arrived to play three games with South Melbourne Hellas. Macdonald, of Arsenal, was equal top scorer in the English First Division, with 29 goals. Hellas insured him for half a million dollars during his stay.

In his first game, against West Adelaide Hellas, Macdonald scored a penalty that caused the game to end in a 1-1 draw.

The clash between Macdonald and Charlie George in the Hellas v. St. George game was in jeopardy when Charlie George flew home to discuss an offer made for him by FC Zurich. However, he didn't take the offer and flew back to Australia for the biggest match of the national league season.

Middle Park was packed. There were at least 15,000 people there to watch St. George win 3-2. George scored one of the goals for the Saints and Supermac got both for Hellas.

Macdonald was due to play one more game for Hellas — **other was to be Juventus' 10-3 thrashing of Mooroolbark — came in the 12th round when Marconi crushed Alexander 8-1 at Middle Park.**

Ernie Campbell was the star that day, scoring a hat-trick and collecting the first 10-point rating in the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award.

Other goals came from **Peter Sharne** 2, **Paul Degney, Jimmy Rooney** and **Roberto Vieri,** while Alexander's lone effort was a penalty converted by **Ken Taylor.**

This was also the week that **Todd Clarke,** the Hakoah and Socceroo goalkeeper, announced he would be out for the rest of the year because he had aggravated a knee injury.

In a bid to pull itself out of the doldrums Mooroolbark recruited **Barrie Fairbrother, Nick Lowe** and **Paul O'Reilly** from England, financing the cost by selling **Joe Tront** to Alexander for $5000.

South Melbourne Hellas made its wisest buy when it signed winger **Christ Kent** from Ringwood Wilhelmina. Kent was among the finest players in the second round.

Hakoah lost the sponsorship of VIP Insurance but found a new sponsor in Sport Fashions.

West Adelaide Hellas signed Middlesbrough captain **Graeme Souness** for guest games and Brisbane City had a shock 1-0 victory at home over Juventus.

The month ended with Alexander's players collection $400 each for beating local rival Hellas 5-2 in front of 13,000 people at Olympic Park.

Bill Pirie scored from a penalty against Mooroolbark, bringing his tally to six goals, while St. George used **Charlie George** as a centre back against Brisbane City!

John Nyakohua scored the goal that gave Juventus a 1-0 victory over Marconi and put Juventus on top of the national league ladder.

JULY

July started with the sacking of St. George coach Manfred Schaefer. His replacement was his assistant Ilya Takac, the former Yugal player.

Hakoah had forward **Manecas** from Portugal as a guest player. He scored three goals during his stay but his club Beira Mar wanted $20,000 for him so he was sent back home.

Brisbane Lions got **Willie Henderson** and English midfielder **Eddy Spearritt** as reinforcements and played their best game of the season to beat Footscray J.U.S.T. 2-0 in Brisbane.

Bill Pirie, coming on as a substitute, scored against South Melbourne Hellas in his farewell game, which ended in a 1-1 draw. He returned to Scotland having scored seven goals in the national league.

Adrian Alston, former Socceroo star who left to play for Luton Town, Cardiff City and then Tampa Bay Rowdies in the U.S., signed for Canberra City as a guest player to whom the guest player rule was not applied.

Footscray J.U.S.T. gained two new players in **John Nicolaides** from Alexander and **Andrija Ristic** from Yugoslavia. It was also to have welcomed Yugoslav striker **Tihomir Sredanovic** but after long negotiations, he suddenly decided to stay in Yugoslavia to accept an offer there.

Manny Poulakakis of South Melbourne Hellas joined the list of unemployed coaches when he was sacked and replaced by his assistant Con Xanthopoulos.

J.U.S.T used the visit of Red Star Belgrade as an opportunity to negotiate for players. As a result, Red Star released forward Zdravko Borovnica and midfielder **Dragan Nikitovic** for guest games.

They played for J.U.S.T. against South Melbourne Hellas and Borovnica scored both goals in J.U.S.T.'s 2-0 victory. They played one more game, against West Adelaide Hellas, before returning to Yugoslavia.

Alston started making his presence felt at Canberra, scoring the goal that gave his new team a 1-1 draw with Juventus, while Mooroolbark's newcomer **Paul O'Riley** from Hull City had an encouraging debut against Alexander.

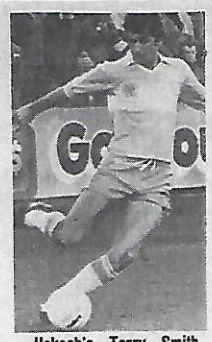
Brisbane Lions got full value from its Scottish import Tom Murray when he scored a hat-trick in Lions' sensational 4-0 thrashing of Western Suburbs — a defeat that put Wests out of the title race.

Ian Kesson quit his Brisbane City job and was replaced by his predecessor **Nereo Saftich,** while Manfred Schaefer was approached by Hellas to take over from Poulakakis.

Schaefer was to announce later he was not interested in the job, because it had been offered to about four other coaches as well, including **Rale Rasic** of Maconi and **Johnny Warren** of Canberra.

Poulakakis meanwhile accused the Hellas players of lack of dedication and of drinking too much.

Alexander, which had been flying high, was brought down to earth by a 2-0 loss to Brisbane Lions, and the month ended with Hakoah leading the league from Marconi, Juventus and Western Suburbs.



Hakoah's Terry Smith — league's second highest scorer.

AUGUST

Marconi took over as leader when it beat Mooroolbark 1-0 and Brisbane City 1-0 in a postponed game, but Hakoah kept in the race by beating Juventus 2-1 in Adelaide.

The best performance of the round came from J.U.S.T. midfielder **Joe Picioane** who earned a 10-point rating in the JAT award for his effort in J.U.S.T.'s 4-2 win over Brisbane Lions.

Adrian Alston continued piling on points for Canberra when he scored the winning goal against Brisbane City, but August was Alexander's month. By beating Olympic 2-0, Juventus 1-0, Western Suburbs 1-0 in a postponed game and J.U.S.T. 3-1, Alexander climbed from fifth to third.

The hero of this period was **Branko Buljevic** who scored the winning goals against Juventus and Western Suburbs.

Peter Ollerton was dropped from the South Melbourne Hellas team for the game against Juventus after a disagreement with coach Xanthopoulos but came back the following week to score a hat-trick in Hellas' 4-2 victory over Mooroolbark.

J.U.S.T. was further strengthened by the arrival of Yugoslav striker Dragan Vasic from Maribor. Vasic was to end the season with four goals and promises to be a star in 1978.

Hakoah recaptured league leadership by beating West Adelaide Hellas 3-1 while Marconi had its match postponed because it had players absent on national league duty.

Marconi threw away its chance of getting back on top by losing 0-1 to Canberra the following week. The winning goal came from **Alan Bourke,** the West Adelaide reject.

This was also the week of West Adelaide's 10-3 win over Mooroolbark. The victory was engineered by John Perin who got two goals and Dixie Deans who got four. Both players earned 10-point ratings in the JAT award and the four goals made Deans a candidate for the league marksman's crown.

Duncan Cummings made his South Melbourne Hellas comeback after a lay-off of 19 weeks due to injury, and scored with his first kick, but the goal wasn't enough to beat West Adelaide.

Alexander maintained its high win bonuses by paying its players $350 each for beating J.U.S.T. 3-1.

SEPTEMBER

Dixie Deans brought his goal tally to seven in seven days by scoring a hat-trick in Juventus' 4-3 defeat of J.U.S.T. in Melbourne.

Deans thus boosted his season's tally to 14 goals, one more than **Terry Smith** of Hakoah.

Canberra, having already beaten Marconi 1-0, maintained its good form by holding Hakoah to a scoreless draw and drawing 1-1 with South Melbourne Hellas with a goal by **Adrian Alston** a week later.

Canberra also announced a plan to break the world record for foot tennis. This record was achieved by players **Alston, Fernandez, Grujicic, Henderson, Tilsed, Brian Stoddart, Cant, Boskov** and **Warren.**

Mooroolbark coach **Brian Edgley** made wholesale changes for the Barkers' second trip to Adelaide in as many weeks and surprised everyone by returning with a 2-1 victory over West Adelaide Hellas.

John Perin of Adelaide Juventus — one of league's best midfielders.

J.U.S.T.'s Yugoslav import Dragan Vasic — watch him in 1978.

Marconi's Ray Richards — announced his retirement.

Before the last round of the league came the first round of the Philips knock-out Cup. The surprises were Mooroolbark's 1-0 victory over South Melbourne Hellas, West Adelaide's victory over Juventus on penalties and Canberra's 2-1 triumph over St. George.

Marconi knocked out Hakoah 1-0 but Hakoah had the last laugh when it won the 1977 national league championship.

It was a nail-biting affair. Marconi was in Melbourne, needing a 5-0 victory over J.U.S.T. to overtake Hakoah on goal difference. With Hakoah managing only a scoreless draw with Olympic, Marconi was leading 4-0 and looked set to take the title.

Then disaster struck! Marconi's men were over-eager, over-confident and they left the J.U.S.T. men unmarked. As a result **John Nicolaides, Dragan Vasic** and **Joe Picioane** scored three goals in the last eight minutes, to leave Marconi with a 4-3 victory, which was much too slender to overtake Hakoah.

It was in the last week of the league that Hellas announced the appointment of Hakoah team builder **Dave Maclaren** as coach and that Brisbane City appointed Marconi's No. 2 **Luciano Nesti.**

Marconi's champion **Ray Richards** announced his retirement and his midfield partner **Jimmy Rooney** won the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" Player of the Year award with an average rating of 7.9, which was .1 better than that of runner-up **Jim Hermiston** of Brisbane City.

In the second round of the Philips Cup, Brisbane City continued its amazing advance by beating Western Suburbs on penalties after the teams had finished extra time locked in a 1-1 draw. Goalkeeper **Borzi** and full back **McLeod** emerged as heroes of that game.

Alexander and Marconi won as had been expected — Alexander beating Mooroolbark 3-0 with two goals by **Buljevic** and one by **Cole,** and Marconi thrashing Canberra 5-0 with goals by **Mariani, Rooney, Sharne, Byrne** and **Campbell.**

In Brisbane, most of the best national league players from that City formed a select XI that held the Socceroos to an embarrassing 4-4 draw.

OCTOBER

The Australian Soccer Press Association awards at the Melbourne Hilton were amont the highlights of the season.

Jimmy Rooney was named Player of the Year on votes cast by 40 soccer writers from all over Australia. He won with an overwhelming 93-vote majority over runner-up **John Kosmina** who was named best under 21 player.

Coach of the Year award went to **Rale Rasic** of Marconi while **Johnny Warren** and **Frank Micic** were presented with special awards for service to soccer.

The ASPA named its team of the year, which was: **Allan Maher** (Marconi), **Jim Hermiston** (Brisbane City), **Peter Wilson** (Western Suburbs), **Col Bennett** (Brisbane Lions), **Harry Williams** (St. George), **Murray Barnes** (Hakoah), **John Perin** (Juventus), **Jimmy Rooney** (Marconi), **John Kosmina** (W. Adel. Hellas), **Dixie Deans** (Juventus), **Branko Buljevic** (Alexander).

Brisbane City won the Philips Cup, beating Marconi on penalties in a bruising Cup final which Rasic described as more a brawl than a game. McLeod, Tokeski, Pimblett, and Hermiston were the heroes of the victory that puts Brisbane on the soccer map.

Mooroolbark meanwhile announced that seven players were on the transfer list, creating speculation that all is not well in the Barker camp. The transfer-listed include brilliant winger **Paul Ontong** and star midfielder **Dave Rigby.** These men will have to be replaced next year.

The annual meeting of the national league in Sydney saw a dramatic change in the power base.

Out went **Alex Pongrass** and **Frank Lowey** of Sydney and in came **Tony Kovac** of Melbourne and **Charlie Caruso** of Adelaide. **Sam Papasavas** was elected chairman, putting the power firmly into Victoria's hands.

Willie Henderson announced he was quitting Brisbane Lions because of injury and that he would return to Scotland, and South Melbourne Hellas started to rebuild its team by buying **Bertie Lutton** from Hakoah for $8500.

Mooroolbark's English import Barrie Fairbrother brings down Chris Kalafatidis of South Melbourne Hellas. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

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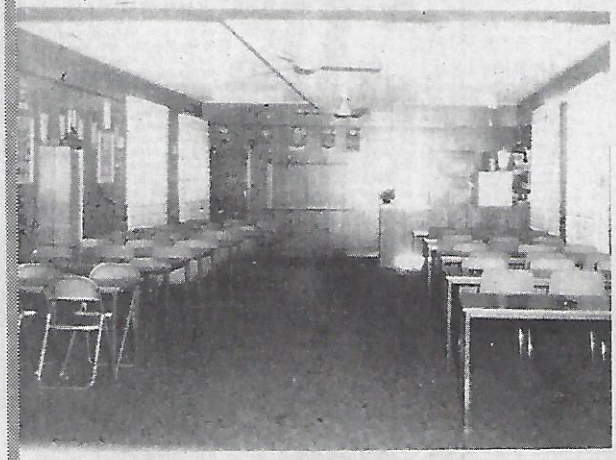

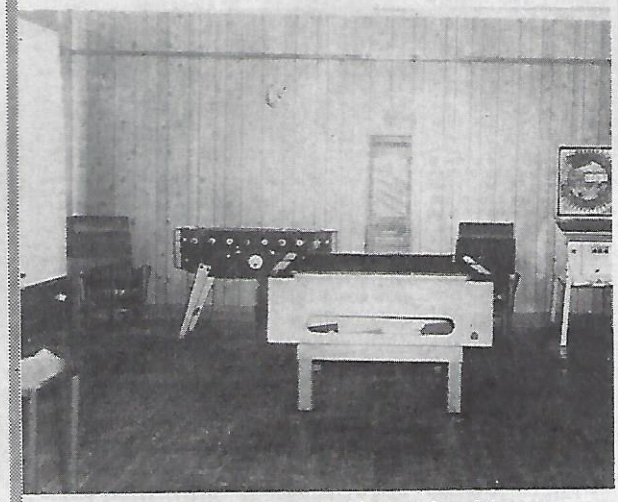

Two views of Morwell Falcons' impressive clubrooms.

Morwell's reserves and under 20s:

Standing, 3rd from left:

D. WILSON 17, transferred from Newborough 1976, capt. reserves, played some senior and U/20 games, sweeper.

D. WESTIE 20, transferred Monash 1976, res. and U/20, midfield and stopper.

P. ROSATO 19, from junior ranks, joined 1967, res. and U/20, some senior games, midfield and fullback.

P. MASELLI 19, from junior ranks, joined 1967, res. and U/20, some senior games, midfield and fullback.

J. KRAWEC 17, transferred from Monash 1976, res. and U/20, striker.

B. LAWRENCE 17, first year player 1977, U/20, striker.

Kneeling from left:

C. CALABRESE 19, from junior ranks, joined 1972. U/20 midfield.

A. McALLISTER 16, transferred from Newborough 1977, U/20 and res. striker.

S. FENECH 17, transferred from Newborough 1976, res. goalkeeper and some senior games.

G. McNAB 17, transferred from Pegasus 1977, U/20 goalkeeper.

P. COAD 17, from junior ranks 1973, U/20 and res, some senior games. stopper and midfield.

G. GIBSON 17, transferred from Rangers 1975, U/20 and res, striker and midfield.

P. BRABBIN 17, transferred from Newborough 1977, U/20 and res, some senior games, striker.

B. CRANE 17, transferred from Yallourn 1975, U/20 and res, some senior games, midfield.

P. VIGGIANO 19, from junior ranks 1972, U/20 and res, midfield and striker.

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Promoted to the Metropolitan League only last year, the Falcons soared into second place on the Fourth Division ladder and will step up into the Third Division next year.

It is quite conceivable that Morwell will continue to be promoted through the ranks. Their aim is to reach State League in the quickest time.

The club's attitude couldn't be better. Knowing it needed extra strength to do well in the Metropolitan League, it recruited three players from State League club Slavia — **David Kelly, David McFarlane** and **Hansen Liu.**

Falcons were formed in 1961 and grew rapidly. After winning the Latrobe Valley Soccer League a few times, they applied for membership of the Victorian Provisional League and were accepted in 1974.

That year they won both the senior and reserve championships, and in 1975 they won the senior championship once again. Last year they were runners-up.

A vacancy appeared in the Metro League in late 1976 due to the expulsion of one of the clubs. Morwell applied and was chosen from among 27 applicants.

Falcons had a bad start to the 1977 season due to some players dropping out but after a successful rebuilding programme, the team won 15 games straight, finishing the season with 17 wins, no draws, five losses and a goal average of 67:22.

In Cup and friendly games, Falcons managed to beat even First Division and State League teams. For example, they defeated Slavia 3-2 only a few weeks ago.

A new playing complex will be ready for use in 1979 and new club rooms, built by voluntary labour, are already in use.

Bingo is played every Tuesday to raise funds.

The juniors — there are now 120 of them — had a fantastic season and the under 20s won their league.

The club also had a Second Division team that did well in the Latrobe Valley league.

Morewell's seniors and their trophies at the clubs presentation night:

Standing from left:

J. SCIBERRAS — Assistant coach, with the club since 1967.

D. BRABBIN — U/20 coach, joined 1977.

K. PARKER — age 30, transferred from Traralgon 1971, forward (capt. 1976) 9th best and fairest, Div. 4.

F. DI GIULIO — 23, from junior ranks, joined 1968, goalkeeper.

P. ROMYN — 36, transferred from Moe 1977, experienced midfielder.

D. KELLY — 19, transferred from Slavia 1977, striker, leading goal scorer. (5th best and fairest Div. 4).

H. TER HORST — 34, transferred from Traralgon 1974, left back.

C. KRZOSKA — 20, transferred from Southend, England, 1977, full back and striker.

A. BEDNARSKI — 17, transferred from Newborough 1976, midfield, also U/20s player.

R. TANTI — 17, from junior ranks, joined 1974, right back.

Kneeling from left:

J. LAWSON — senior coach, was U/20s coach in season 1976.

P. DI GIULIO — 21, from junior ranks, joined 1967, midfielder and sweeper v capt.

S. PAVLOVIC — 22, transferred from Yallourn 1976, midfielder and striker, 2nd highest goalscorer.

L. CASSAR — 36, transferred from Newborough 1973, midfielder.

D. McFARLANE — 24, transferred from Slavia 1977, midfielder, 3rd best and fairest Div. 4, 3rd highest goalscorer.

H. LIU — 20, transferred from Slavia 1977, left fullback and striker.

F. BIANCONI — 28, from junior ranks, joined 1962, fullback and midfielder.

Not pictured:

F. MEHAFFEY — 25, transferred from Yallourn 1974, sweeper, captain 1977.

K. FLANAGAN — 21, transferred from Rangers 1973, stopper and midfielder.

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Young Falcons also tops

MORWELL Falcons held their junior presentation night at their new club rooms in Crinigan Road, Morwell.

A barbecue was provided for the boys and their mums and dads and there were at least 200 people there having a good time.

The boys, their coaches and team managers received trophies and Morwell Falcons' club president, **Mr. D. Di Fabrizio,** thanked all the lads on the best achievement yet by Falcons juniors.

Falcons U9s won the Latrobe Valley Champion of champions.

The U10s won the East Zone League and the Latrobe Valley Shield for the first time, having won the final against Traralgon.

The U12s A won the East Zone League with U12s B being runners-up.

The U14s won the East Zone League and the U16s not only won the East Zone League but also won the Latrobe Valley Shield for the first time, having won the final against Traralgon. This in fact made it five premierships out of a possible six which, as Mr. Di Fabrizio said, was a remarkable achievement.

Guests presenting some of the trophies were the secretary of the LVSL, **Mr. Dick Bosma** and his wife; secretary of the LVJSL **Mr. Vince Birchell** and his wife and **Mrs. Marion Jones,** secretary of the referees' association and husband **Jim.** A good part of the presentation night was televised by GLV10.

U/14 East Zone LVJL winners; standing from left: T. Tanti (asst. coach), N. Tsebelis, C. Jorgenson, S. Godwin, A. Massaro (vice capt). S. Danaher, R. Tanti, N. Costabile (capt), A. Costabile, Mrs. L. Paine (team manageress). Kneeling: T. Carusi, M. Richter, V. Tanti, G. Mattioli, R. Leach, D. Porter, R. Mitchell.

U/10 East Zone LVJL winners and L.V. Shield winners; standing from left: Mrs. A. Fascio (team manageress), G. Parissis, B. Marino, M. Costabile, J. Di Sipio (asst coach), C. Vacca, L. Azzopardi, B. Padula, D. Baudendistel, E. Fascio (coach). Kneeling: D. Palermo, A. D'ottore, M. van der Zalm, C. Carusi, A. Walker, S. Famularo, B. Leach.

U/16 East Zone LVJL winners and L.V. Shield winners; standing from left: J. Azzopardi (coach), R. Richter, M. Cassar, J. Downie (asst. coach); A. Vitale (Capt), S. Di Fabrizio, J. Quigley, G. Parissis, D. Richter, G. Warren, J. Davey (team manager). Kneeling: A. Geros P. Azzopardi, R. Zammit, P. Halstead, D. Bianconi, S. Davey, J. Downie, P. Pulis.

Morwell under 8s; standing from left: G. Wight, R. Petesic (asst coach), M. Marek, P. Baiguerra, E. Martini (coach). R. Zyglarcki, J. Azzopardi, M. Di Fabrizio, R. Von Schroeden, Alimpic, Mrs. K. Martini (team manageress). Kneeling: R. Petesic, B. Martini, P. Presley, R. Kamphuis, R. Petesic.

The captain of the under 9s, M. Elswyk, holding the champion of champions cup.

U/12 A East Zone LVJL winners; standing from left: A. Bezzina (parent), D. Carusi, M. Cini, R. Martin, D. Monacella, G. Martini, R. Petesic, E. Ancilleri (coach). Kneeling: S. Kingsbury, P. Monacella, F. Bezzina, R. Prezioso, A. Cassar, G. Davidson.

U/12 B East Zone runners-up; standing from left: T. Tanti (coach), A. Gaudiano, F. Gasperio, E. Nania, D. Kenbergem, P. Foley, E. Tognioli, T. Azzopardi (junior manager). Kneeling: D. Tanti, D. Mobourne, D. Tanti, J. Tanti, P. Vacca, T. Bogen, J. Montana.

PICTURED are the Morwell Falcons' champion of champions under 9 side; standing: T. Elswyk (team manager), B. Martin, A. Cini, S. Tanti, J. Azzopardi, C. Colantuono, R. Kamphuis and F. Tanti (coach). Kneeling: M. Tanti, M. Elswyk (captain), J. Kamphuis, T. De Cesare, F. Monacella.

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JUNIOR SOCCER ACTION

Alexis Rivero — junior star of Box Hill.

Alexis Rivero wins top junior award

The winner of the Weinstein Medal for the Victorian Junior Soccer Player of the Year for 1977 is Alexis Rivero of Box Hill.

The criteria for the award is that the winner must be a junior soccer player who is in his last year, i.e. an under 16 player.

The Junior soccer Player of the Year must have given consistent playing services to his club, shown enthusiasm, leadership and the potential to represent both State and country and is willing to continue in the game.

Alexis has been with Box Hill since early 1976. He was born in Montevideo, Uruguay in 1961.

He first played as a 7-year-old with the Kite Athletic Club and the Red Wings Soccer Club when he was 12.

He came to Australia in March 1975 and first played for Nunawading United Under 14s.

Since joining Box Hill he has represented Victoria at under 15 and under 16 level.

He was an outstanding player for Victoria in the recent national youth championships in Sydney.

Alexis is a striker or midfielder and has played regularly in the Box Hill reserve side, with occasional games in the first team.

The Weinstein Award also carries with it an annual scholarship of $100.

Arrangements have been made for the presentation of the Weinstein Medal before the State League Cup final at Olympic Park on Sunday, November 6.

They've won the Cup

This is the Chelsea team which won the annual Chelsea cup competition at Edithvale Reserve.

Teams taking part in the competition were Seaford, Overport, Peninsula, Mooroolbark, Hampton, Caulfield, Karingal and Chelsea.

Four teams contested the semi-finals. They were Chelsea, Peninsula, Seaford and Caulfield.

The semi-final between Seaford and Peninsula was a victory for Peninsula by four goals to one. The second semi-final between Chelsea and Caulfield resulted in a victory for Chelsea by one goal to zero.

Chelsea won the final, three goals to one over Peninsula.

Mr. Eddie Ereira, the Chelsea club's secretary presented the trophy which was donated by Kingstone Promotions of Parkdale. Medals were presented to members on both teams.

Team members pictured are (from left) back row: Coach, Bill Curan, Paul Hare, Mathew Joorden, Malcombe Vosper, Jamie Mills, Hayon Brownings, Shane Beasley and manager, Barry Ferne.

Front row: Andy Frazer, Fabio Matranga, Mark Churches, Anthony Van der Draai, David Mollett, and Linsay Weaver.

BARKERS' CHARITY MATCH

Mooroolbark juniors would have to be one of the most successful junior clubs in Victoria on the field of play and also administration-wise.

They have only one problem, and that is lack of changing rooms and club facilities.

Over the years they have tried, without success, to get these amenities.

At the moment the whole junior set-up is in full swing raising money to get these facilities.

The support from the parents and ladies' auxiliary has been tremendous, especially the ladies.

All businesses in the area are being approached for donations. The Lilydale council has $30,000 put aside, to be given on a 2-1 basis.

Mooroolbark will have a charity game to raise money for the facilities at Esther Park, Saturday November 5 at 2.30 pm between Mooroolbark United and Victorian All-Stars.

There will be a curtain raiser before the match between Mooroolbark U11's and U12's. Both teams have won the league this year.

Under 11 but played U. 12

The manager and coaches of Mitcham United under 12s are proud of their boys' good effort this season.

Most of the boys could play U/11 but they worked hard to finish 5th on the ladder.

The team is pictured above, standing from left: Carlo Dalforno (coach), D. Devemport, J. Dekker, B. Millward, J. Gillard, W. Graham, M. Boutlis (manager), Frank Cutajar, J. Marshall, R. Cutajar. Front: I. Kanellos, D. Wheeler, S. Bilalis, D. Bull (100 games), C. Cay and J. Topalidis.

Ti Tree Gully visits

Nunawading under 7, rear: Ken Amos (coach); back row: from left: Brett Cocking, Adrian Klop, Craig Gerdes, Mike Palethorpe, Mark Weatherill, Tim O'Shannessy, Nino Nizic, Shaun Booth, Andrew Nicholson, Michael Frank; middle row: Paul Howell, Mike Thomas, Stuart Trevena, Marko Pejic, Trevor Meyer, Graham Coombes, Damian Bown, Cameron Mackness, Glenn Boyd; Front row: Ray Jardine, Steve Palethorpe, Piers Clarke, Brian Amos, Nicholas van der Hoeven, Jason Dowie, Anton Karac; Missing: Alistair Clarke, Shane Dawson, Mark Tanson, Mark Ralphsmith, Richard Stockman, Craig Walton, Damian Lah, Scott Berger.

Nunawading recently hosted three teams from Ti Tree Gully in Adelaide.

The visitors proved too strong for Nunawading. On the first day their under 11s lost 2-4 but their under 12s won 3-2 and their under 13s won 3-1. On the second day the under 11s and the under 12s both drew 2-2 and the under 13s won 4-1.

Meanwhile, Nunawading's under 7 Tigers had an end-of-season barbecue and friendly matches against Mooroolbark under 7 teams.

The boys of Adelaide club TiTree Gully, who visited

Nunawading under 7

Wells goal king

Graeme Wells was the star of the Athelstone team that won the Enfield District under nine championship and challenge cup in South Australia.

Graeme scored 14 goals in the 13 league games and set up many others for team mates.

Athelstone is the youngest and smallest team in the league, some players being only 5½ or 6 years old, yet they scored 26 goals and conceded only 13 in a highly successful season.

Hat trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat-Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, address and the team for which he plays.
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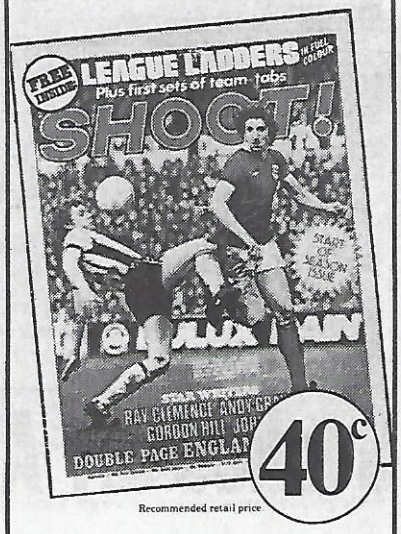

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ZIKA NIKOLIC

Pobeda Australije u Hong Kongu stigla je kao zakasnelo osvezenje skoro usahlih nada da se Australija moze svrstati medju 16 nastretnijih nacija, koje ce se u Buenos Airesu iduce godine boriti za naslov nogometnog prvaka sveta. Pobeda od 5:2 je ubedljiva, ali isto toliko i varljiva. Nezanteresovani i otpisani Hong Kong je vise posluzio treneru Shoulderu da odrzi polozaj, nego sto je priblizio Australiju zeljenom cilju, kohi nas do sad kosta preko miliona dolara?!?

Ali ako Jugoslavija bez ijednog boda moze da veruje u cuda, sto ne bi Australija sa 7 bodova iz sest odigranih utakmica.

CIRKOVIC OSTAJE SA "PLAVIMA"

U nedeljnoj stampi, etnickim listovima i nogometnim kruzocima vec nedeljama se potkopava "plava" ekipa. Na srecu, bez uspeha kao uvek do sada. Trener Ceda Cirkovic je imao primamljive ponude da ostavi klub sa kojim je delio dobro i zlo od 1963 godine (sa malim prekidima). Ali novac ne moze sve da potkupi, makar koliko bio neophodan za nas opstanak. Sasvin razumljivo, Ceda Cirkovic se kolebao, a ko ne bi? Prema njegovoj izjavi, ko ju nisam trazio niti ocekivao, bez obzira na ponude i pregovore vodjene do prosle nedelje, on ostaje trener trener JUST — a i ucitelj novih klubskih generacija. Ovu njegovu odluku, koja je sasvim logicna s obzirom na ulogu koju je imao u JUST — u zadnjih nekoliko godina, znace da cene a verovatno i da nagrade navijaci "plavih".

Cirkoviceva odluka ce pozitivno uticati na ceo sastav JUST + a, kohi je takodje bio pod udarom trgovine "belim robljem". Za razliku od mnogih klubova igrace JUST-a ne vezuje samo klubska kasa, koja nije bila prepuna ali nikada ni prazna.

USPESAN TURNIR U ALBURIJU I WODONGI

Nekoliko sportskih entuzijasta iz jugoslovenske zajednice, koji zive u gradovima bliznacima na granici Novog Juznog Velsa i Viktorije, nisu zalili truda i novaca da bi priredili jedan nogometni turnir najveceg ranga, o kome bi se dugo pricalo i pisalo u ovome kraju zeljnom velikih sportskih dogadjaja.

JUST se odmah odazvao pozvao, sto je garantovalo uspeh i visok kvalitet turnira. Pored "plavih" odazvali su se klubovi "Bratstvo" iz Springvala i JASK iz Geelonga, pa je turnir dobio jugoslovenski karakter.

PRVI DAN TURNIRA

Prvoga dana utakmice su odigrane u Wodongi. U subotu oko II sati sastali su se prvo rezerva "Bratstva" i kombinovani sastav Vodonge. Utakmica se zavrsila sa rezultatom 1:1, sto majbolje odgovara igri.

Rezerva "Bratstva" iz Springvala nastupila je u sledecem sastavu' Avram Sekulovski, Zoran Stojanovic, Risto Paunov, Stevo Janjic, Milenko Busija, Hikmet Kajim, Ivan Kulpinac, Milos Vujicic, Tomislav Okovic, Marko Milojkovic, Kemal Kajim. Strelac za "Bratstvo": Kemal Kajim.

U drugoj utakmici prvi tim "Bratstva" je pobedio JASK iz Geelonga sa 7:4, posle zanimljive i uzbudljive igre u kojoj je odlucilo vece iskustvo. Pored toga momci iz Geelonga su imali duzi put pred sobom, ali su ipak dali sve od sebe. Brojni gledaoci su sa uzivanjen gledali musku i fer borbu i pozdravljali uspesne poteze oba tima.

Sastav "Bratstva": Zdenko Mecanovic, Mirko Zec (Ninoslav Sipcic), Pavle Jonovic, Milenko Busija (Ivica Kuplinac), Goran Ranman, Stevo Jelicic, Zvonko Mecanovic, Milenko Culibrk, Milan Stoilovic, Dragan Janjic, Kemal Kaim (Risto Paunov).

Sastav JASK-a: Cane Filipovski, IVaca Dulic, Vlado Briiskovski, BOro Bradonjic, Zarko Stojanovski, Bill Munro, Boro Jovanov, Greg Barth, Slobodan Bizumic, Petar Dulic.

Strelci: Milan Stoilovic 4, Zvonko Mecanovic 2 i Milenko Culibrk za "Bratstvo", a Bill Munro 2, Greg Barth i Petar Dulic za JASK.

U glavnoj utakmici kombinovani sastav Vodonge i Alburija, vecinom nasi momci, igrao je protiv JUST-a iz Melburna, clana Nacionalne Lige. Zbog iznenadne promena igralista i drugih tehnickih nezgoda, golman Boland i bek Parrott nisu pronasli igraliste do kraja utakmice, pa je JUST nastupio u najcudnijem mogucem sastavu, koji je izgledao ovako: Kriaris, A. Ristc, Adamdzikis, Rujevic (Zoraja), Kondarios, Ilioski, Palinkas (Belic), Nicolaides, Picioane, Visic, Ristovski.

JUST je pobedio sa 10:3 (4:1) iako je igrao sa pola snage. Jimmy Kriaris nije samo nosio dres sa brojem 1, vec se trudio da lici na golmana, uglavnom sa promenljivom srecom. Zato nosi dva gola na dusi. Strelci za JUST: Dragan Visic 3, Mirko Rujevic 2, Steve Adamdzikis 2, John Nicolaides 2 i Mendo Ristovski.

DRUGI DAN U ALBURIJU

Satra dan, domacin je izveo svoj najbolji sastav, reprezentaci ju Albury i Wodonge. Protivnik je opet JUST, ovog puta kompletan.

Iako su domaci drugog dana igrali bolje, ipak su doziveli vecu katastrofu. JUST je pobedio sa 13:3 (4:2). U prvom poluvremenu "plavi" su igrali rastimovano, umorni od duge sedeljke u sportskom klubu, gde su naleteli na nepobedive poker masine, pa su mnogi ostali sa praznim novcanicima.

Medjutim, domaci tim se zaista trudio i postigao lepa dva gola, pa se domaca publika razgalamile i osilila.

Ali kad je trener Cirkovic ocitao igracima lekciju na odmoru i zamenio neispavane "zvezde", domacin je doziveo pravu katastrofu.

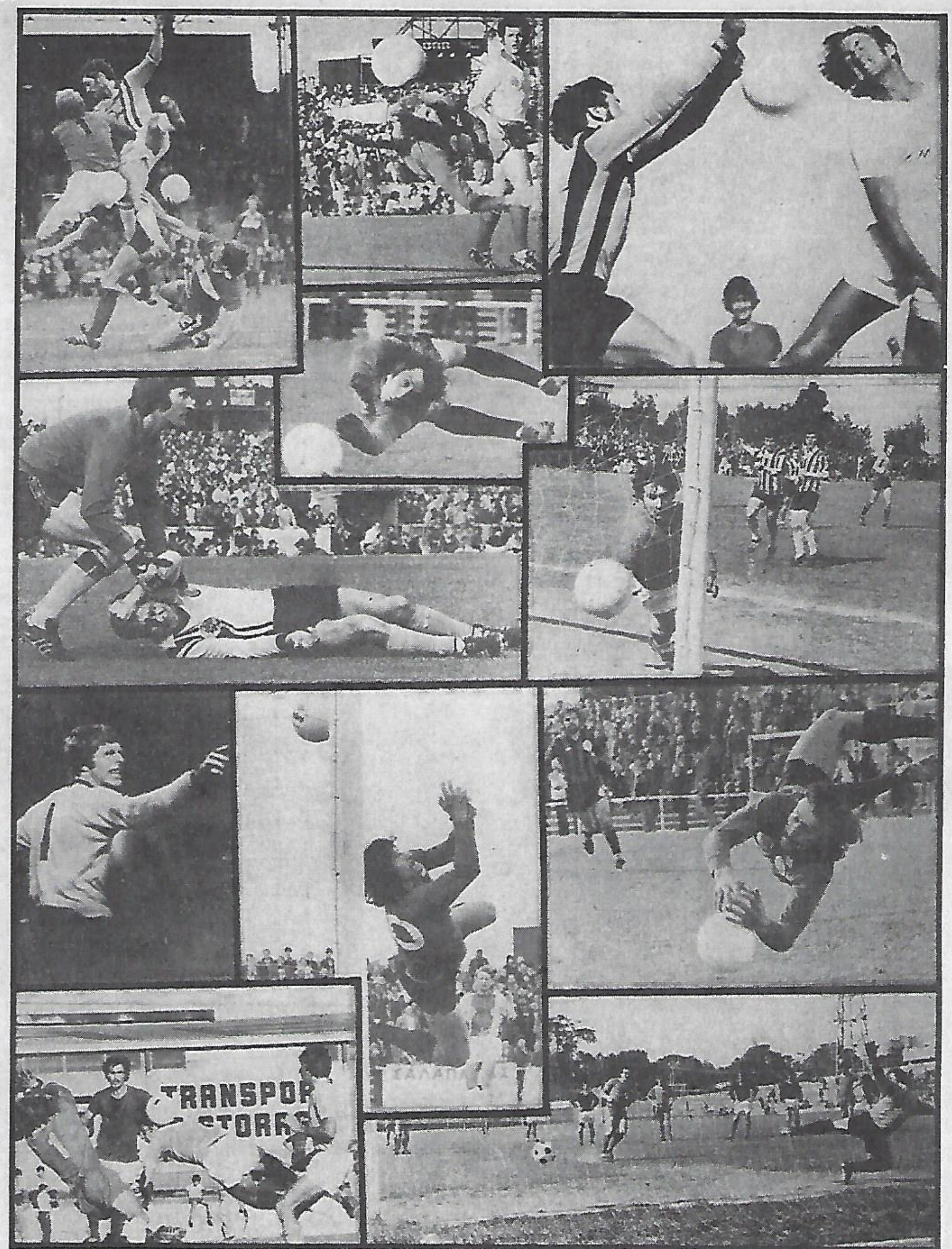
Sastav JUST-a: Boland, Parrott, A. Ristic (Adamdzikis), Kriaris, Kondarios, Rujevic (Ilioski), Palinkas (M. Ristic), Nicolaides, Picioane, Visic, Ristovski (Belic).

Strelci za JUST: Dragan Vasic 4, Mendo Ristovski 2, John Nicolaides 2, Misa Ristic 2, Jimmy Kriaris, Jimmy Kondarios, Vlatko Belic po jedan.

Pojedine kombinacije "plavih" bile su klasicne. Joe Palinkas nije postigao ni jedan gol, ali su njegovi centarsutevi mnogo doprili da se napuni protivnicka mreza.

Josip Picioane jednostavno nije hteo da daja golove. Izzivljavao se u driblovanju, vecinom sa uspehom.

U nedelju 13 novembra JUST iz Melburna i JASK iz Geelong igraju na turniru u Lilidajlu, gde se odrzava veliki sajam.



● Photographer SAM BELFONTE'S tribute to goalkeepers, from top left to right: Victorian State 'keeper Mike O'Hara flies high in the match against Middlesbrough this year — but so does his team mate Steve Koksoka;

Martyn Crook of West Adelaide Hellas turns the ball past the post after it has eluded centre back Lucky Vagianos;

J.U.S.T.'s Dennis Boland is up in the nick of time to smother this header by Billy Rogers of South Melbourne Hellas;

Peter Blasby (Alexander) keeps a sharp eye on the play upfield as he comes to the aid of injured team mate Mike Glykokalamos;

Denis Boland again, horizontal in mid-air, touching the ball past the post;

Goalkeepers don't win all the time — her's Doscato of Bulleen being beaten by a shot from Juventus' Dino De Marchi in last summer's Italian Cup;

One of the main functions of a goalkeeper is to organise his defence, and Mike O'Hara of Hakoah-St. Kilda lets his men know exactly what he wants;

Some shots are simply too high — as Mooroolbark's Lou Ivanoff finds out ....

.... But in the next picture he flies well to stop this shot from Clive Eaton (left) of Western Suburbs;

Sometimes the forward will be that much quicker and that much sharper than the goalkeeper, resulting of course, in a goal, as is the case in the picture at bottom left, where Marconi's Bertie Mariani dives to head the ball before J.U.S.T's Boland can get to it;

Goalkeepers hate nothing more than penalties. Here Boland is

Goalies—by Andy Clues and Sam Belfonte

"Australia has taught the rest of the sporting world much about tennis, cricket, swimming and many other sports. Perhaps Australia is now ready to add something to the international literature of this game called soccer."

So says former Manchester United manager **Sir Matt Busby** in the foreword to a new Australian book called **"Soccer for coaches and players,"** written by NSW coach **Andrew Clues** with journalist **David Jack** of the Sydney **"Sun"**.

It is an excellent book, covering all aspects of soccer from a general introduction to coaching to tackling, set plays, endurance, and even the treatment of injuries. It is published by Australian and New Zealand Book Co. Pty. Ltd.

The author, **Andy Clues**, played amateur soccer in England, then played in Canberra, Adelaide and Sydney. He returned to England and had five years with Plymouth before injury halted his career. He is now NSW Senior Coach, Country Districts.

To tie in with the **"Tribute to Goalkeepers"** prepared by our photographer **Sam Belfonte**, we reprint from Clues' book the section headed **"Summary of a Goalkeeper's Role."**

1. The goalkeeper is the last line of defence but he is also the first point of attack. When he gains possession of the ball, he must distribute it intelligently. Long, high, kicks may make him feel good because these give his team temporary territorial advantage but is is often a matter of luck if such kicks reach a team-mate. These kicks are recommended only when he is under pressure and should always be made towards the wings — not down the middle of the field. He should work to develop the throw (throwing or bowling action) and an accurate low punt. Rolling the ball underhand is frequently useful as long as there is no chance of interception, because it allows greater control.

2. The goalkeeper should try to get his body behind the line of the ball and, if possible, catch with two hands and bring ball into the chest. When he has to dive, he should do so facing the ball and on his side — not flat on to the ground. This will allow him to hit the ground with the hip and the back of the shoulder — a more comfortable fall, and a more secure position to retain possession of the ball. Itis essential to hold every ball firmly. A rebound usually permits an opponent to score a simple goal.

3. Fast rising shots above head height shoul be palmed or fisted unless the goalkeeper has remarkably swift reflexes and particularly safe hands.

4. Goalkeepers are permitted only four steps with the ball in their hands, so, if challenged, he must distribute the ball quickly. If unchallenged, and he wishes to make ground in the penalty area, he should adopt one of the methods of professional goalies studied on television or in local mtches. There are many variations. If challenged and unable to kick the ball, it should be thrown accurately to a colleague who is unmarked.

5. Always play cleanly

been fouled. Remember, a foul by a forward on a goalkeeper brings an unimportant free kick but a foul by a goalie on an opponent brings a penalty kick. That is virtually a goal given to the other team. The Laws allow a goalie to be charged, so be prepared for physical challenges. Half crouch, with the weight forward, leaning in the direction of the anticipated charge. This should withstand all but the most violent of charges, which should, itself, be penalised by the referee.

6. Goalkeepers are most vulnerable to charges when jumping. In most cases, referees will give the benefit of any doubt to the recipient of the charge, but do not place 100 per cent trust in the ref's whistle. As you climb, raise one knee in front of your body. This is both protection against a frontal charge and a useful deterrent, because a player who has run into a bony knee to make an illegal charge may not be in a hurry to repeat the offence.

7. Use your penalty area. Do not be a goal-line goalie. When play is at the far end of the field, it is perfectly safe to patrol along the line of the penalty area. The advantage is that you are nearer the play and able to assist your team-mates who may be under pressure. The advantage is that you are nearer the play area. If the opposing team is attacking, a goalkeeper on the edge of his penalty area can often pick up a loosely dribbled ball or intercept a dangerous pass. That is easier

shot. However, he must guard against chips or lobs wich opponents will be tempted to attempt once they discover that he likes to wander off his line.

As play develops in your direction, move back towards your goal line. Use your judgement and don't be caught in no-man's-land.

8. When play is cleared from your penalty area, encourage your team-mates to go swiftly upfield to prevent a quick counter-attack. Should the ball be switched back into your danger area, one or two opposition players will be caught offside if your colleagues have evacuated the area promptly. As indicated earlier, the goalkeeper is in an excellent position to assess most situations and should constantly advise and encourage the players in front of him.

When faced by an attacker with the ball, move forward to narrow his shooting angle If he continues to run with the ball, shunning any attempted shots, he obviously is planning to dribble around you.

Timing here is all important to avoid disaster, and this will come only with experience.

When you dive, try to smother the ball with your hands, body, feet, anything! The odds must be against the goalie in this situation, particularly if the attacker is blessed with neat footwork, but many such 'certain' goals are saved.

10. ...

ponents play. What types of passes does a player favour? Which foot is his strong one? Does a winger centre high or low? Which player has the strongest shot? Does any opponent make a habit of charging goalies? What method does a penalty kick taker prefer? When you are playing against opponents you know, all this information has been assimilated before the kick-off. When playing against strangers, much of the information can be accumulated and assessed in the early stages of the match. A goalie often experiences long periods of inactivity. Use those moments to keenly study the opposition side.

This has been a long chapter. Goalkeepers will not complain about that: too often they are the neglected members of the team, deprived of the coaching given to other players. Soccer is rarely kind to goalies.

Reminds me of the 1958 English F.A. Cup Final at Wembley between Bolton Wanderers and Manchester United. Bolton won and the turning point of the match was when their centre-forward Nat Lofthouse charged United's goalkeeper, Harry Gregg, bundling him over the line for a hotly-disputed goal. Gregg maintained that he was illegally charged. Lofthouse disagreed. A few days later, Harry Gregg called at a public house managed by Lofthouse and ordered a beer. Nat pulled the drink and Harry asked him how much he owed.

Nothing, Nat Lofthouse as-

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PETER GEORGIOU
of the 'Hellenic Herald'

Μιά ἐκδρομή στήν Γουντόνγκα ἦταν ἡ ἀφορμή τοῦ ναυαγίου τῶν συνομιλιῶν μεταξύ 'Αλεξάνδρου καί τοῦ προπονητοῦ κ. Τσέντο Κίρκοβιτς.

'Ενῶ ὅλα ἦταν ἕτοιμα καί εἶχε ἐπέλθει συμφωνία κι ἀπό τίς δύο πλευρές ὅσον ἀφορᾶ τό οἰκονομικό κλπ. καί ἐνῶ τήν Δευτέρα τό πρωΐ ὁ ἀντιπρόεδρος τοῦ Μέγα κ. Στήβ Γουίλλιαμς περίμενε τόν κ. Κίρκοβιτς στό γραφεῖο του γιά τήν ὑπογραφή τῶν συμβολαίων ὁ τελευταῖος πληροφόρησε τόν ἀντιπρόεδρο τηλεφωνικῶς ὅτι ἄλλαξε γνώμη καί ὅτι ἐπιθυμεῖ νά παραμείνει στήν... Τζάστ!!!

"Ηταν μιά ἀπόφαση σόκ γιά τόν ἐπίσημο 'Αλέξανδρο πού μέχρι τήν Κυριακή ἦταν σίγουρος ὅτι ἔλυσε καί μάλιστα ἐνωρίς τό πρόβλημα προπονητοῦ.

"Εγκυρες πληροφορίες ἀπό τό στρατόπεδο τῆς Τζάστ ἀναφέρουν ὅτι ἡ ἐκδρομή τοῦ συλλόγου στήν Γουντόνγκα, στήν ὁποία συμμετεῖχε καί ὁ κ. Κίρκοβιτς, ἦταν ἡ αἰτία τῆς ἀλλαγῆς τῆς καταστάσεως.

Πιστεύεται ὅτι τόσο οἱ ἰθύνοντες τῆς Τζάστ ὅσο καί ἡ Γιουγκοσλαβική Παροικία ἔπαιξαν βασικό ρόλο στήν ἀλλαγή τῆς γνώμης τοῦ προπονητοῦ.

Σύμφωνα μέ τίς ἴδιες πληροφορίες ὁ κ. Κίρκοβιτς ἐξιστόρησε ὅλη τήν ὑπόθεση στούς παίκτες τήν Κυριακή καί τούς εἶπε ὅτι δέν θά πάει στόν 'Αλέξανδρο διότι ὕστερα ἀπό 7 χρόνια ὑπηρεσία στήν Τζάστ τούς θεωρεῖ πλέον σάν παιδιά του καί δέν θέλησε νά τούς ἐγκαταλείψει.

"Οσο καί συγκινητική κι ἄν εἶναι ἡ ἐξομολόγηση τοῦ κ. Κίρκοβιτς πρός τούς παίκτες, δέν θά μποροῦσε νά θεωρηθεῖ συγκινητική ἡ ἀπόφασή του νά ἀφήσει τόν 'Αλέξανδρο ἐκτεθειμένο καί νά τόν περιμένει μέ τό συμβόλαιο στό χέρι τήν Δευτέρα τό πρωΐ.

Ἡ ξαφνική ἀλλαγή τῆς γνώμης του ἔδωσε ἔδαφος γιά πικρόλογα σχόλια στήν Σμίθ Στρήτ τοῦ Φίτζροϋ.

Στάθηκε ἀδύνατον νά ἐπικοινωνήσουμε μέ τόν κ. Κίρκοβιτς τόσο τήν Δευτέρα ὅσο καί τήν Τρίτη διότι δέν βρισκόταν στό γραφεῖο του, οὔτε καί στό σπίτι του προφανῶς γιά νά ἀποφύγει τίς δηλώσεις.

Τήν περασμένη Παρασκευή ὁ κ. Κίρκοβιτς μᾶς εἶπε ὅτι θά κάνει δηλώσεις στόν τύπο τήν Δευτέρα (προχθές) ἀμέσως μετά τήν ὑπογραφή τῶν συμβολαίων.

Τήν Κυριακή ὅμως ἄλλαξε γνώμη κι' ἔλυσε τό πρόβλημα τοῦ προπονητοῦ γιά τήν Τζάστ.

Γιά τόν 'Αλέξανδρο ὅμως γεννήθηκε καί πάλι πρόβλημα προπονητή κι αὐτή τή φορά μεγαλύτερο ἀφοῦ ὁ κ. Κίρκοβιτς ἦταν ὁ καλύτερος ἀπό τούς διαθέσιμους προπονητές.

'Ιδιαίτερα στεναχωρημένος γιά τήν νέα κατάσταση ἦταν ὁ ἀντιπρόεδρος τοῦ Μέγα κ. Στήβ Γουίλλιαμς ὁ ὁποῖος δούλεψε ἀρκετά γιά τήν συνεργασία τοῦ Γιουγκοσλάβου τεχνικοῦ.

'Ο πρόεδρος κ. Μαγκόπουλος μᾶς εἶπε ὅτι θά πρέπει νά ξαναρχίσει ἀπό τό μηδέν γιά τήν πρόσληψη προπονητοῦ καί αὐτό τώρα εἶναι ἀκόμη δυσκολώτερο ὕστερα ἀπό τήν ἀπρόοπτη ἐξέλιξη τοῦ θέματος Κίρκοβιτς.

Transfer fee: a goat

ROME — Twenty-seven-year-old midfielder Guiseppe Murgia has changed clubs, from the amateur Sardinian team of Polisportiva to Seulese, in a deal underscoring the exorbitant transfer fees and the financial plight of most soccer clubs.

Murgia was bought for one Sardinian goat and slice of prociutto ham.

"We don't want this transfer to be interpreted as a joke," said Polisportiva president Ulisse Murgia, not related to the player.

"What we mean with such a bargain is a kind of protest against scandalous transfer fees."

Pierino Prati, sold to Rome for $890,000 Aust. four years ago, was let go for less than half that price in the biggest sale of the October transfer market.

Price tags on classy players, especially strikers, have been so high — some quoted at over $1.78 million — that no notable deals have been struck.

Sex habits of sandfleas but no soccer news

A great deal of enthusiasm was generated by the World Cup qualifying match between Australia and Hong Kong last Sunday.

As the cameras scanned the stadium I noticed a patch of white which turned out to be the crew of an Australian warship stationed in that area.

This was, apart from a navy public relations operation, a welcome sight, for were it not for the fighting men of our floating deterrent, the spectators would have been outnumbered by the referee.

Such is the interest the world took in Australia's attempt to catch the last bus to Buenos Aires and Hong Kong's devout pedestrianism that, tuning in to the ABC's news reports, I was unable to catch the result of the match. I thought at first it might have been called off on account of lack of interest.

The ABC news was followed by the BBC's world sporting round-up.

I remarked "Well, well," to the news that East Germany beat Malta 9-0. I said "How about that?" to the report that Poland was the eighth nation to qualify for Argentina.

And "Gee whiz" at hearing that Aston Villa beat Manchester United.

But for the Australia-Hong Kong result, I had to still my exclamatory rhetoric until facts were made available.

None were made available.

The BBC, which on occasion makes available recordings of the sandflea's debauched sexual habits, ignored the fact that Australia is trying to gain a front row pew in the soccer rites of Argentina 1978.

To mention that commercial television news services might have made a mention of the score, or even that a game was on between the temperature of Omeo and Eric Pearce's Bless you, and you, is not worth mentioning.

I remember the prominence Australia gave the national hockey team at the Montreal Olympics — no prominence at all — until someone discovered that they were playing for the gold medal.

Then, all prominence broke loose and we couldn't do enough to televise the game of a team that had been at the centre of our hearts for so long.

Mind you, the ABC did telecast the Australia v. Hong Kong match live to Perth.

Unfortunately, the little electrons that make up the moving pictures, couldn't make it across the Nullarbor.

The reason for this is difficult to fathom. Either the ABC is not yet aware that the majority of Australians live on the East Coast, or the Victorian Soccer Federation (and its brethren in other States) vetoed the telecast for fear of losing gate takings at someone's weekend soccer picnic outing.

A great way to promote soccer in this country!

A greater way would be to hand out pamphlets advertising the Ajax junior's 1973 fixtures to disinterested fish.

Mind you, had **Ron Barassi** sneezed over the weekend, **Hamer** would have appointed a Royal Commission into germs and the entire staff of the Melbourne **"Sun"** would have suicided.

Remember the actions of the famous who no longer wish to be that.

"I vant to bee alone," baritoned what's her name, and was promptly anonymous.

Or the famous Aristotle (the one with Jackie, not Jack), who wanted a piece of anonymity and called it Scorpio.

Well, here in this country, you can do it much cheaper joining the national Soccer squad.

Or any other sport that doesn't get a spot on the **"Penthouse Club."**

Let me quote a piece from the American magazine **"Soccer Corner."**

"The match against Australia's Socceroos' was treated as an event of national importance in Iran. August 14, the day of the game, was declared a public holiday to allow millions to watch the match live on television.

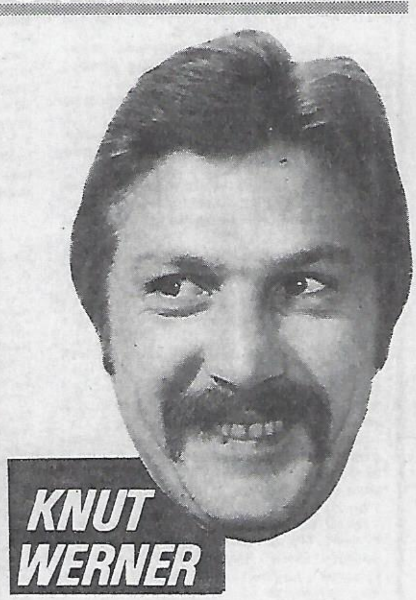
"Two hours after Iran's win in Melbourne, Iran's Crown Prince Reza telegrammed his congratulations to the team — plus $10,000 for a monster victory party. The victorious Iranians returned home to a heros' welcome. They were met by 40,000 delirious fans' . . ."

It was noted that on their return to Australia, the Socceroos did manage to bump into a delirous drunk at the airport, who cheered their return.

And, being the gentlemen that they are, no-one told the dizzy fan that they weren't the Japanese Beef Delegation and promptly boarded their push bikes for a triumphant return to their respective suburbs.

So, the Australian people must wait before they acknowledge a national team, until the world learns to take up Australian Rules, cricket or an 18-man golf team.

I don't know what's wrong with the world to have already waited so long.



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U.S. 'TO BEAT ENGLAND'

SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND — George Best predicted in a radio interview that the United States will overtake England as a world soccer power.

Best, who made his name with Manchester United, has played in the United States for the past two years with the Los Angeles Aztecs.

"America will definitely overtake England in world soccer," Best said. "Once the Americans get it into their minds that they want something, they do anything they can to make sure they become the best."

The Northern Irish star said soccer in Britain "is in the worst state its been in since I started playing. There are not more than one or two world class players at the moment, which is a disgrace."

Best was talking on a local radio station before playing for Fulham against Sheffield United in the English Second Division.

His remarks came as **Ron Greenwood**, acting manager of England, was taking one of his last looks at likely players before choosing the squad to face Italy in a World Cup qualifying game in two weeks.

The England-Italy game no longer has any bearing on the World Cup. Italy has made sure of qualifying, and English critics have been hammering their team for repeated failures.

Richmond wins two trophies

Victorian Second Division club Richmond has won two trophies in as many weeks.

Last weekend, Richmond staged tthe annual Neue Welt (New World) Cup tournament at Richmond Park, and won the "A" section trophy by beating Waverley 2-1 in the final.

The previous week, Richmond won the Waverley six-a-side tournament, downing Albion Rovers 5-2 in the final.

The Neue Welt Cup, sponsored by the German language newspaper of the same name, was played in two groups, with two finals.

Group A comprised — Richmond, Waverley, Keilor City 'A' and Prahran City.

Group B was — Keilor City 'B', Siemens, Melbourne Meats and Richmond Old Boys.

Group 'A' results — Richmond 2 Prahran 1, Waverley 1 Keilor City 'A' 4 Richmond Old Boys 2; play-off for third place — Melbourne Meats 2 Richmond Old Boys 0; final — Keilor City 'B' 2 Siemens 2 a.e.t., Keilor City 'B' won on penalties.

The Waverley six-a-side tournament was contested by 32 clubs, including Frankston City of the State League.

In the semi-final Albion

ly on penalties after a 3-3 deadlock and Richmond downed Doncaster Rovers 6-1.

At the club's presentation night, top scorer Rudi Poci was named best and fairest player for 1977.

At the annual meeting **Hans Kuss** was re-elected president and **Erhard Mattert** secretary.

Charlie hurt

LONDON — Derby County striker Charlie George has been admitted to Derbyshire Royal Infirmary after a car accident in which he suffered a "depression fracture" of his cheek bone.

George had a minor operation for the re-alignment of the bone and was later said to be "comfortable". The injuries were described as "only slight" and it is not yet known how long he will be out of action.

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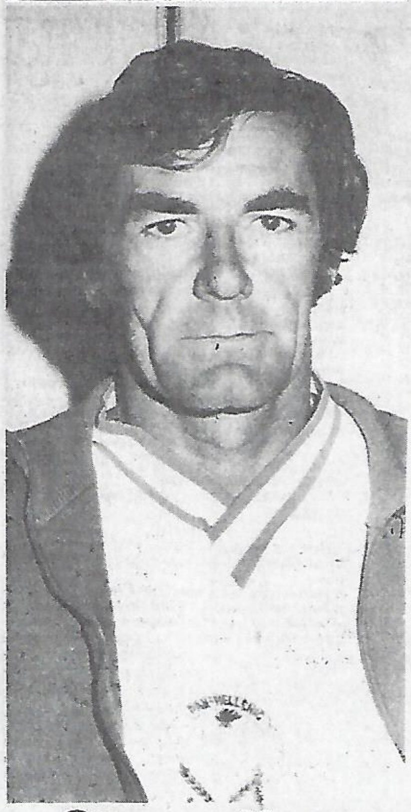

Stowell to help Laing

Former Sydney Olympic coach Bruce Stowell (pictured) has joined Western Suburbs as assistant coach.

This was announced by Wests manager-coach **Mike Laing,** who said Stowell's appointment would allow him more time for administrative duties.

Stowell will also conduct Wests pre-season training when Laing is overseas.

Laing has left for the US, where he will study the promotional methods of the American professional league.

INTERNATIONAL SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND N. IRELAND

English football league cup third round: Arsenal 2 Southampton 0; Bolton Wanderers 3 Peterborough United 1; Burnley 1 Ipswich Town 2; Everton 2 Middlesbrough 2; Hull City 2 Oldham Athletic 0; Luton Town 1 Manchester City 1; Millwall 1 Bury 1; Nottingham Forest 4 Notts County 0; Portsmouth 1 Swindon Town 1; Sheffield Wednesday 2 Walsall 1; West Bromwich Albion 1 Watford 0.

English division three midweek matches: Preston North End 2 Tranmere Rovers 1; English division four: Bournemouth 1 Reading 0.

Peter Withe is still the English first division's top scorer despite not featuring in Nottingham Forest's four goals against Middlesbrough today.

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION ONE: 11 Peter Withe (Nottingham Forest); 10 Mike Ferguson (Coventry City); Andy Gray (Aston Villa), Ray Hankin (Leeds United), Bob Latchford (Everton).

DIVISION TWO: 11 Mike Flanagan (Charlton Athletic); 10 Bob Hatton (Blackpool), Peter Ward (Brighton).

DIVISION THREE: 11 Bob Gough (Colchester United), David Kemp (Portsmouth); 10 Tom Tynan (Sheffield Wednesday), Danny Westwood (Gillingham).

DIVISION FOUR: 10 George Reilly (Northampton Town), Edward Woods (Newport County); 9 Alan Curtis (Swansea City), James Lumby (Scunthorpe United), David Needham (Aldershot) Stephen Phillips (Brentford).

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal 1 Birmingham 1; Aston Villa 2 M'chester Utd 1; Chel. 1 Bristol Cy 0; Derby 2 N'wich 2; Everton 4 Newcastle 4; Ipswich 0 West Ham 2; Leicester 0 Leeds 0; Manchester C. 3 Liverpool 1; Nottingham Forest 4 Middlesborough 0; Queens Park Rangers 2 West Bromwich Albion 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Coventry 3.

DIVISION TWO: Bolton Wanderers 2 Luton 1; Brighton 4 Cardiff 0; Bristol 0 Southampton 0; Burnley 0 Blackpool 1; Crystal Palace 1 Charlton 1; Hull 0 Blackburn 1; Mansfield 1 Notts County 3; Orient 0 Millwall 0; Sheffield U. 2 Fulham 1; Stoke 1 Tottenham Hotspur 3. Sunderland 3 Oldham 1.

DIVISION THREE: Bradford 3 Sheffield Wednesday 2; Cambridge 2 Oxford 1; Carlisle 2 Chesterfield 1; Gillingham 1 Shrewsbury 1; Hereford 1 Port Vale 1; Plymouth Argyle 2 Portsmouth 1; Preston 2 Chester 1; Rotherham 0 Lincoln 0; Swindon 4 Exeter 0; Wrexham 3 Bury 1.

DIVISION FOUR: Aldershot 2 Bournemouth 0; Barnsley 3 Hartlepool 2; Brentford 1 Southend 0; Darlington 3 Wimbledon 1; Huddersfield 1 Grimsby 3; Newport County 0 Torquay 0; Rochdale 1 Northampton 1; Scunthorpe 2 Halifax 0; Swansea 2 Reading 1; Watford 5 Crewe Alexander 2.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Aberdeen 1 Clydebank 1; Celtic 3 Ayr 2; Hibernian 0 Rangers 1; Partick Thistle 1 Motherwell 0; St Mirren 0 Dundee 1.

DIVISION ONE: Alloa 1 Morton 3; Dumbarton 1 Arbroath 0; Dundee 1 Hearts 1; East Fife 1 St. Johnstone 2; Hamilton 4 Queen Of The South 3; Kilmarnock 2 Stirling Albion 3; Montrose 1 Airdrieonians 2.

DIVISION TWO: Albion 2 Brechin 0; Berwick 1 Falkirk 1; Stirling 2 Stranraer 1; Meadowbank 1 Forfar 0; Queens Park 1 Dunfermline 1; Stenhousemuir 2 Clyde 2.

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE. GOLD CUP: Bangor 2 Ards 3; Crusaders 0 Coleraine 1; Glenavon 2 Distillery 0; Glentoran 4 Cliftonville 1; Larne 2 Ballymena 0; Portadown 3 Linfield 1.

FRIDAY GAMES

DIVISION THREE: Colchester 3 Petersborough 0; Tranmere 0 Walsall 1.

DIVISION FOUR: Stockport 2 Southport 1; York 2 Doncaster 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Nott For	13	6	1	0	17	2	4	1	1	11	6	22	
Liverpool	13	5	1	0	10	0	2	3	2	6	8	18	
Everton	13	3	3	1	13	9	3	2	1	13	5	17	
Man City	13	5	1	1	14	5	2	2	2	10	9	17	
WBA	13	5	1	0	15	4	2	2	3	10	12	17	
Coventry	13	3	2	1	13	9	4	1	2	11	9	17	
Norwich	13	5	2	0	10	4	1	2	3	6	14	16	
Arsenal	13	5	2	0	11	2	1	1	4	4	6	15	
Aston Villa	13	4	0	3	10	8	2	3	1	8	7	15	
Ipswich	13	4	1	1	10	6	0	4	3	3	9	13	
Wolves	13	2	2	3	11	11	2	2	2	8	8	12	
Leeds Utd	13	2	3	1	8	7	1	3	3	11	13	12	
Man Utd	12	3	1	1	7	4	2	1	4	9	13	12	
Birmingham	13	3	1	2	10	8	2	1	4	7	13	12	
Middlesbro	13	3	2	1	9	6	1	2	4	6	13	12	
Derby County	13	1	4	1	9	7	2	1	4	7	13	11	
Chelsea	13	2	3	2	6	5	1	1	4	2	8	10	
QPR	13	2	2	3	9	12	0	3	3	6	9	9	
West Ham	13	0	4	3	6	11	2	1	3	9	11	9	
Bristol City	12	2	2	2	11	12	0	1	5	0	6	7	
Leicester	13	1	2	4	3	12	0	2	4	1	10	6	
Newcastle	13	2	0	4	8	12	0	1	6	8	18	5	

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Bolton	13	6	1	0	14	6	3	2	1	8	5	21	
Tottenham	13	6	0	[illegible]	13	4	2	3	2	7	8	19	
Brighton	13	5	1	1	16	9	2	2	2	8	7	17	
Blackpool	13	4	1	1	12	6	3	2	2	10	9	17	
Southampton	13	5	2	0	13	5	2	1	3	7	10	17	
Blackburn	13	4	1	1	9	4	2	3	2	7	9	16	
Luton	13	5	1	0	12	1	2	0	5	10	12	15	
Crystal Pal	13	2	2	3	11	11	3	2	1	10	5	14	
Charlton	12	5	0	0	16	7	0	4	3	6	15	14	
Stoke	13	4	1	2	9	6	0	4	2	4	6	13	
Sunderland	13	3	2	2	10	7	1	3	2	7	11	13	
Sheff Utd	13	5	1	1	14	8	0	2	4	6	14	13	
Hull	13	3	2	2	7	3	1	2	3	4	7	12	
Orient	13	3	2	1	11	10	1	2	4	5	8	12	
Fulham	13	2	3	1	12	6	1	1	5	5	11	10	
Millwall	13	1	4	1	6	6	1	2	4	5	8	10	
Oldham	13	3	2	1	7	5	0	2	5	6	16	10	
Mansfield	13	2	2	3	10	10	1	1	4	5	10	9	
Notts Cnty	13	1	4	1	8	7	1	1	5	9	18	9	
Cardiff	12	2	3	1	7	7	0	2	4	3	14	9	
Bristol R	13	2	4	1	10	6	0	1	5	5	21	9	
Burnley	13	1	3	3	5	7	0	0	6	4	18	5	

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Wrexham	15	5	3	0	16	7	2	2	3	7	9	19	
Shrewsbury	15	4	2	1	18	8	3	2	3	12	14	18	
Gillingham	15	4	3	1	15	9	2	3	2	12	13	18	
Preston	15	6	2	0	14	6	0	4	3	2	7	18	
Colchester	15	4	3	1	14	5	2	2	3	6	6	17	
Tranmere	15	5	2	1	16	7	2	1	4	4	6	17	
Rotherham	15	4	3	1	9	4	2	2	3	13	16	17	
Oxford	15	5	1	1	11	5	1	3	4	11	14	16	
Bury	14	3	3	1	7	5	2	3	2	9	10	16	
Cambridge	14	5	1	1	15	7	1	3	3	5	13	16	
Peterboro	15	3	4	0	8	5	2	2	4	3	9	16	
Exeter	15	3	1	3	10	7	3	2	3	9	10	15	
Walsall	15	2	2	3	7	7	2	5	1	7	8	15	
Swindon	15	5	2	1	18	5	0	2	5	6	15	14	
Plymouth	15	2	3	3	11	11	2	3	2	7	8	14	
Hereford	15	4	2	2	9	6	0	4	3	2	8	14	
Chester	15	3	4	0	11	6	0	4	4	5	16	14	
Bradford	15	3	3	2	14	10	1	2	4	4	11	13	
Chesterfield	15	4	2	1	8	3	1	1	6	5	13	13	
Carlisle	15	2	4	2	11	11	1	2	4	5	9	12	
Port Vale	14	2	3	2	7	8	1	3	3	7	14	12	
Lincoln	15	2	2	3	8	9	2	1	5	6	9	11	
Portsmth	14	1	4	1	6	5	1	3	4	5	15	11	
Sheffld Wed	15	2	3	2	5	4	0	3	5	8	15	10	

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Watford	15	7	0	1	17	8	5	0	2	13	6	24	
Southend	15	3	3	1	8	4	5	1	2	10	5	20	
Aldershot	15	6	2	0	12	3	2	2	3	6	7	20	
Grimsby	15	5	2	0	10	3	3	1	4	9	13	19	
Brentford	15	5	3	1	16	7	2	1	3	12	14	18	
Barnsley	15	7	0	1	17	5	1	2	4	5	10	18	
Stockport	15	5	2	1	14	6	1	3	3	9	10	17	
Newport	15	5	3	0	14	5	1	2	4	5	12	17	
Northampton	16	6	0	1	15	8	1	3	5	7	16	17	
Swansea	15	6	2	0	15	4	0	2	5	3	9	16	
Darlington	15	3	4	1	13	10	2	2	3	6	9	16	
Crewe	15	6	0	1	16	9	1	2	5	5	15	16	
Torquay	15	3	4	0	13	7	1	3	4	3	11	15	
Huddersfld	15	3	4	1	12	7	0	4	3	4	10	14	
Reading	15	4	1	2	11	8	2	1	5	6	11	14	
Doncaster	15	4	1	2	12	8	1	2	5	5	14	13	
York	15	3	2	3	12	11	1	2	4	7	9	12	
Scunthorpe	15	4	2	2	12	5	0	2	5	4	14	12	
Hartlepool	15	5	0	2	10	5	0	2	6	9	19	12	
Bournemouth	15	3	1	3	7	8	1	3	4	5	10	12	
Wimbledon	15	2	3	2	12	10	1	2	5	8	19	11	
Southport	15	1	4	2	9	9	0	4	4	9	15	10	
Halifax	15	1	4	2	5	4	1	2	5	9	17	10	
Rochdale	16	3	2	3	12	9	0	1	7	4	19	9	

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Rangers	11	4	0	1	12	6	4	1	1	14	7	17	
Aberdeen	11	3	2	1	9	6	3	1	1	10	5	15	
Dundee Utd	11	3	0	2	8	6	3	2	1	7	2	14	
Partick	11	4	1	1	7	7	2	0	3	8	8	13	
St Mirren	11	2	2	2	8	10	2	1	2	8	7	11	
Motherwell	11	3	1	2	11	8	1	1	3	4	6	10	
Celtic	11	3	1	2	8	6	1	0	4	6	9	9	
Hibernian	11	2	1	2	5	3	2	0	4	5	8	9	
Ayr	11	2	0	3	5	6	1	1	4	6	15	7	
Clydebank	11	1	1	3	5	13	0	2	4	3	11	5	

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Morton	14	5	1	2	18	11	6	0	0	13	3	23	
Dumbarton	14	6	1	0	17	4	1	3	3	10	13	18	
Hearts	14	6	0	1	15	7	1	4	2	15	17	18	
Dundee	14	4	1	2	12	8	4	1	2	13	11	18	
Stirling A	14	2	2	2	11	10	5	2	1	13	10	18	
St Johnstone	14	3	1	2	8	6	4	2	2	12	14	17	
Hamilton	14	5	1	1	19	11	2	1	4	7	10	16	
Montrose	14	1	3	4	8	10	3	1	2	11	8	12	
Queen O' Sth	14	3	2	2	12	12	1	2	4	7	12	12	
Arbroath	14	2	3	2	12	12	1	3	3	6	11	12	
Airdrie	14	2	2	3	8	8	2	1	4	9	13	11	
Kilmarnock	14	1	3	3	8	10	2	1	4	7	8	10	
East Fife	14	2	2	3	10	10	0	1	6	8	21	7	
Alloa	14	0	2	5	10	19	0	2	5	7	17	4	

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Falkirk	14	3	2	1	10	8	6	2	0	13	4	22	
Berwick	14	4	4	0	17	7	3	1	2	13	9	19	
Clyde	14	5	2	0	15	5	2	3	2	8	8	19	
Stranraer	14	4	1	2	12	8	3	2	2	12	9	17	
Albion R	14	3	2	3	11	8	4	1	1	13	10	17	
Raith	14	3	3	0	8	5	2	4	2	8	9	17	
Dunfrmline	14	5	0	1	12	2	1	3	4	7	14	15	
Forfar	14	5	0	2	16	9	2	0	5	5	12	14	
Cowdenbth	14	3	1	3	15	14	2	2	3	13	16	13	
Meadowbank	14	1	2	3	6	8	2	2	4	11	15	10	
E. Stirling	14	2	1	4	7	14	2	1	4	8	12	10	
Queens Park	14	2	3	3	6	10	0	3	3	9	16	10	
Stenhsmuir	14	1	5	2	15	16	0	1	5	4	15	8	
Brechin	14	2	0	5	13	14	0	1	6	4	14	5	

ARGENTINA

River Plate maintained its lead of the Argentine metropolitan league with a 3-0 win against lowly placed All Boys in the 42nd round of the championship.

OTHER RESULTS: Platense 1 Gimnasia Y Esgrima 0; Racing 1 Ferrocarril Oeste 0; Newells 2 Boca Jrs 1; Argentinos Jrs 2 Huracan 0; Union 0 Colon 1; San Lorenzo 3 Rosario Central 4; Velez Sarsfield 0 Independiente 0; Banfield 0 Atlanta 1; Estudiantes 4 Lanus 2.

PERU

Alianza Lima and Melgar de Arequipa tied for the lead at the top of the Peruvian first division soccer championship at the end of the 25th round.

Alianza Lima beat Bolognesi 3-1 while Melgar won 4-2 against Deportivo Municipal to head the team standing with 33 points each.

OTHER RESULTS: Universitario 0 Cienciano 0; Sport Boys 1 Deportivo Junion 1; Chalaco 1 Aurich 1; Cristal 0 Ugarte 0; Leon 0 Union Huaral 0; Colegio Nacional 1 Defensor 1.

ROMANIA

Sportul Studentesc 3 Hunedoara Corvinul 1; Dynamo 2 Petrosul 1; Tirgu Mures 3 ASA Timisoara Politehnica 1; Pitesti Arges FC 2 Resita FCM 0; Arad UT 3 Petrosanu Jiul 2; Satu Mare Olympia 2 Constanta 1; Tirgoviste CS 1 Bibor FC 0; Jassy Politehnica 3 Steaua 2.

Tirgu Mures heads the table with 14 points, followed by Sportul Studentesc 14 and Arges FC 13.

WEST GERMANY

FC. St Pauli 1 FC Kaiserslautern 3; 1 FC Cologne 6 1860 Munich 2; Schalke 04 2 Hamburg SV 2; VFL Bochum 1 VFB Stuttgart 0; Eintracht Brunswick 0 Borussia Moenchengladbach 6; Werder Bremen 4 MSC Duisburg 2; Fortuna Duesseldorf 2 Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Bayern Munich 0 Hertha BSC Berlin 2; FC Saarbruecken 2 Borussia Dortmund 2.

WEST GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

	W	D	L	F	A	P
FC Koeln	9	0	4	41	21	18
Schalke 04	7	4	2	21	19	18
Kaiserslautern	7	3	3	24	18	17
Duesseldorf	7	2	4	21	15	16
Moenchengadbach	6	3	4	26	22	15
Frankfurt	7	0	6	28	21	14
VFB Stuttgart	6	2	5	20	19	14
Braunschweig	7	0	6	21	22	14
Hamburger SV	6	2	5	21	23	14
Dortmund	6	1	6	25	26	13
Saarbruecken	5	3	5	18	20	13
Hertha BSC	5	3	5	17	21	13
Bayern Muenchen	4	4	5	27	25	12
Duisburg	4	4	5	23	24	12
VFL Bochum	4	2	7	15	14	10
Werder Bremen	4	2	7	17	28	10
St. Pauli	4	1	8	25	32	9
1860 Muenchen	0	2	11	10	31	2

POLAND

Poland beat Sweden 4-2 (half-time 1-1) in a European under-21 soccer championship qualifying round match.

Scorers: Poland — Zalezny, Motyka, Necko, Kupcewicz. Sweden — Erlandsson, Ohlssen.

Poland beat Portugal 2-1 (half-time 0-0) in a friendly under-21 soccer match.

First division: Szombierki Bytom beat Gornik Zabrze 1-0.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Inter Bratislavia 0 Dukpla Praha 0; Lokomotiva Kosice 2 Skoda Plyzen 1; Slavia Praha 2 Dukla Banska Bystrica 2; Zbrojovka Brno 4 Tatran Presov 2; Jednota Trencin 3 Spartak Trnava 2; ZVL Zilina 5 Slovan Bratislava 1; SKLO Union Teplice 1 Banik Ostrava 0; Sparta Praha 0 Bohemians Praha 2.

The first five teams in the standings are:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Zbrojovka Brno	7	2	1	30	11	16
Dukla Praha	5	3	2	30	11	13
Lokomotiva Kosice	6	1	3	20	12	13
Bohemians Praha	5	2	3	13	9	12
Slavia Praha	6	0	4	16	14	12

HUNGARY

Hungary beat Sweden 4-0 in today's UEFA junior football championships qualifying group clash at Balassagyarmat.

The home side led 3-0 at half-time and their scorers were Molis, Segesvari, Fites and Magyar.

Group standings following the match: 1. Hungary 2 pts (4:1) 2. Czechoslovakia 2 pts (4:2); 3. Sweden 0 pts (3:8).

SOVIET UNION

Soviet Union beat Austria 2-0 in its UEFA junior football championship qualifying clash.

Moscow Dynamo 0 Lvov Karpaty 0; Zenith Leningrad 4 Chernomorets Odessa 1; Wings of the Soviet Kuibyshev 0 Voroshilovgrad 2; Kairat Alma-Ata 0 Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 0; Ararat Yerevan 1 Lokomotiv Moscow 0.

BULGARIA

Slavia 6 Botev 2; Levski Spartak 4 CSKA Septemvrilsko Zname 1; Vherno More 1 Trakiya 0; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2 Lokomotiv Sofia 0; Pirin 1 ZSK Spartak 1; Vhernomorets 2 Marek 0; Kliven 3 Beroe 1; Akademik Svishtov 3 Akademik Sofia 2; Levski Spartak 4 CSKA 1; Slavia Sofia 6 Botev Vratsa 2; Tcherno More 1 Trakia Plovdiv 0; Lokomotiva Plovdiv 2 Lokomotiv Sofia 0; Pirine 1 JSC Spartak Varna 1; Tchernomorets 2 Marek 0; Sliven 3 Beroe Stara Zagora 1; Akademik Svichtov 3 Akademik Sofia 2.

LEAGUE STANDINGS: 1. Levski Spartak 15 pts; 2. CSKA Sofia — 14 pts; 3. Lokomotive Sofia — 13 pts; 4. Trakia Plovdiv — 13 pts; 5. JSC Spartak Varna — 13 pts; 6. Beroe Stara Zagora — 12 pts.

SWITZERLAND

Etoile Carouge 2 Servette Geneva 2; Grasshoppers Zurich 3 St. Gallen 2; Lausanne 2 Sion 0; Young Fellows Zurich 1 FC Zurich 3.

BELGIUM

Beerschot 1 Beveren 2; Standard Liege 3 Union 0; Anderlecht 4 Courtrai 2; Beringen 0 FC Bruges 1; Charleroi 2 VG Ostend 0; CS Bruges 1 Diest 0; Berchem 2 Harentals 0; Molenbeek 1 RDW Molenbeek 3; St. Nicolas 0 Antwerp 5; Tongres 4 St. Trond 0; Lierse 4 Waregem 1; Boom 3 Olympic 1; Waterschei 6 La Louviere 0 (decided on penalties after 0-0 draw); AS Ostend 4 FC Liegeois 3 (penalties after 1-1); (two more matches on Tuesday).

HOLLAND

PSV Eindhoven 1 Sparta Rotterdam 0; FC Twente Enschede 6 FC Den Haag 1; Haarlem 6 NEC Nijmegen 0; Ajax Amsterdam 5 VVV Venlo 0; Utrecht 2 Amsterdam 2; Vitesse Arnhem 2 Volendam 2; Nac Breda 2 Telstar Velsen 2; Feyenoord Rotterdam 2 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0; AZ'67 Alkmaar 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 1.

Table after 12 rounds:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
PSV	11	1	0	33	3	23
Twente	8	2	2	26	7	18
Ajax	8	2	2	26	12	18
Sparta	7	3	2	18	8	17

FRANCE

Bastia 2 Nimes 1; Nancy 1 Troyes 0; Bordeaux 1 Metz 0; Rheims 1 Nantes 3; Strasbourg 2 Lyons 2; Marseilles 2 Nice 0; Valenciennes 3 Rouen 0; Saint Etienne 0 Lens 1; Paris St. Germain 2 Laval 2; Monaco 2 Sochaux 1.

PORTUGAL

Portugal beat Luxembourg 3-0 in their European under-21 soccer championship match.

Portuguese scorer, Vital (2) and Lito.

GREECE

Kavala 3 Egaleo 0; Ethnikos 2 Kastoria 0; Panathinaikos 1 AEK 1; Paok 1 Iraklis 1; Apollon 2 Panserraikos 0; Aris 2 Panachaiki 1; Pierikos 1 Panionios 2; Verroia 2 Yannina 1; Ofi 0 Olympiakos 0.

ITALY

Vicenza 4 Atalanta 2; Inter 2 Fiorentina 0; Lazzio 2 Pescara 1; Milan 2 Foggia 0; Naples 2 Rome 0; Perguia 0 Juventus 0; Turin 3 Genoa 1; Verona 1 Bologna 1.

SPAIN

Sporting 2 Athletic Bilbao 2; Elche 1 Burgos 0; Rayo Vallecano 3 Real Madrid 2; Valencia 3 Espanol 0; Real Sociedad 4 Sevilla 0; Real Betis 0 Salamanca 1; Barcelona 5 Las Palmas 0; Atletico Madrid 3 Hercules 1; Cadiz 0 Racing 0.

Atletico Madrid, who play French champions Nantes here on Wednesday in a return-leg European cup match, scored a comfortable 3-1 victory over Hercules Alicante in the Spanish league here today.

The home side led 2-1 at half-time.

Their scorers were Bermejo and Aguilar (2) with the visitors pulling one back when Pereira put through his own goal.

TURKEY

Turkey beat Austria 2-1 in an under-21 international soccer match here today. Turkey led 1-0 at half-time.

Ali and Rasit scored for Turkey with Austria scoring through an own goal by Bilal.

CHILE

Union Espanola beat Santiago Wanderers 3-1 to tie Everton for the lead of the Chilean first division soccer championship after the 27th round.

Everton were held to a scoreless draw by Palestino.

OTHER RESULTS: Aviacion 1 Lotz 0; Universidad de Chile 4 Concepcion 2; Antofagasta 3 Colo Colo 2; Green Cross 1 O'Higgins 0; Ovalle 0 Nubiense 0; Audax Italiano 2 Universidad Catolica 1.

Juventus forward Claude Lucchesi's outstretched leg misses the ball and goes to Altona's Pedley (left) in their State League Cup match. At left

George Cross goal machine Ken Reed climbs high above Slavia's Jim Train during the Victorian State League Cup match at Olympic Park. Pic-